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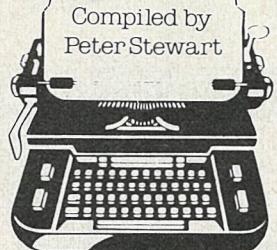
Duncan McKenzie talks to Martin Dobson

Wales team-mates
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Coventry City's
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NEWS DESK

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ONE reason for Cliftonville's ever-improving fortunes these days is the highly promising form of teenage midfielder Barney Bowers, a Northern Ireland Youth international, whose skill, class and big-time potential is attracting several English and Scottish League clubs.

Bitter disappointment for SWEETZER

BECAUSE of injury Gordon Sweetzer has played only eight matches since he became Cambridge United's most expensive signing last March at £30,000 from Brentford. Recently he underwent another operation on a knee.

Keeping the family flag flying in football meanwhile is his young brother Jimmy, who scored on his debut for Oxford United in their 2-1 League Cup success at Plymouth.

FACTastic

WHEN Arsenal lost 2-3 to Blackpool during the 1952-53 season, which ended with The Gunners as Champions, their captain, Joe Mercer, scored one of the goals, a rare occurrence. It was his first League goal for Arsenal in six seasons and also his first in a League game for 17 years, although that period included the War years.

HARRY Haslam, manager of Sheffield United, has never been afraid to give youth its chance.

Haslam, who has pointed players like Malcolm Macdonald, David Sadler, Hugh Curran, Paul Futcher and Andy King on the road to success, is now looking hopefully at the prospects of 18-year-old midfielder Richard Harwood, who only signed professional at Bramall Lane in July.

Happy Harry pushed Harwood in for his League debut against Sunderland this season after the boy had scored a few goals for the reserves.

Villa's Jinxy Skippers

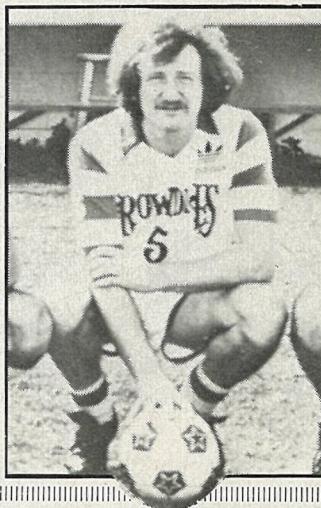


DENNIS Mortimer (left), Aston Villa's skipper, is taking a ribbing from his colleagues at Villa Park since taking over as team captain.

In recent years it has become something of a jinx position because former captains have either lost their place or been transferred. Players who fit this bill are Ian Ross, Chris Nicholl and Welsh international Leighton Phillips.

Mortimer said: "Past records do not worry me. I've been given a job to do by my manager and I will carry it out to the best of my ability."

JOINING NORWICH — a bonus for Davie Robb



WHEN Davie Robb joined Norwich City this season, he had two ambitions: to play for the first team, and score a goal.

The former Aberdeen star had to wait just a couple of weeks before his Carrow Road debut ... and delighted the fans with a goal against Derby County — on Match of the Day, too!

Robb, 30, is with The Canaries until next May, when he rejoins the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

He cost a bargain £10,000 and although he was bought as cover for Martin Chivers, big Chiv has had Achilles tendon trouble, so Robb was given an extended run.

The Scottish international says: "All this is a bonus for me. I'm delighted to be at Norwich. I've always wanted to play in the

English First Division."

I understand Fulham were interested in the player, but Norwich boss John Bond moved swiftly to sign Robb.

"The people in Aberdeen seem to think I used Tampa just as a stepping stone, but the Norwich transfer came out of the blue during the summer.

"John Bond is a first-class coach and the set-up is good. There isn't a great deal of pressure on me and to get that goal so early was marvellous.

"My family are with me now in a house in Hellesden, and I'm looking forward to doing all I can do for Norwich. They've given me the opportunity I've always wished for and I mean to repay them — with goals."

Hird-Brown GOALSCORER JOHN GREGORYPOO

THE scoreboard gave fans a laugh when it announced Aston Villa's second goal in their Football League Cup Fourth Round second replay against Crystal Palace at Coventry. Villa won 3-0.

BECAUSE of a cash crisis Eire club Cork Celtic have been forced to sell Donie Madden, their top striker to Thurles Town. Carl Humphries also moved to the Tipperary club in exchange for Ernie Reynolds.

MIDDLESBROUGH millionaire chairman Charles Amer must smile at the news that militant Football League clubs are to demand more money for TV soccer. Amer urged clubs to take a tougher line years ago — and received only 25 per cent support.



Wallace joins SCOTLAND'S super strikers

season, came back to Raith Rovers as player-coach. He has also played two summer seasons with Seattle Sounders in America.

In all that time with these clubs, Gordon has scored more than 300 goals, a feat which has only been accomplished by six other players who spent all or part of their careers in Scottish football.

Top place is held by Celtic's Jimmy McGrory, who scored a record total of 550 goals. Hughie Gallacher (Airdrie, Newcastle and Chelsea) was next with 386, followed by Hugh Ferguson (Motherwell, Cardiff, and Dundee) 362, Gordon Smith (Hibs, Hearts and Dundee) 361, Dave Halliday (St. Mirren, Dundee, Sunderland, Arsenal and Clapton Orient) 338, Jimmy Smith (Rangers) 337 and Willie Wallace, the Dundee coach, who notched up 325 with Stenhousemuir, Raith Rovers, Hearts, Celtic, Crystal Palace and Dumbarton.

ONE of the most outstanding goal-scoring performances of the Scottish season so far was the four goals netted by Raith Rovers' striker GORDON WALLACE (above) which gave the Kirkcaldy team a merited 4-2 win over Queen's Park.

All four goals were of such variety and so skilfully executed one was inclined to forget Gordon, at 34, is now in the twilight of a very distinguished football career that stretches back to 1962, when he was persuaded to enter the senior ranks by Montrose.

He settled in quickly, and soon earned a reputation as a marksman. He scored 85 goals for the Angus side, then moved on for his first spell with Raith Rovers. Gordon's next club was Dundee, from whom he was transferred to Dundee United, and towards the end of last

FEWER HAT-TRICKS...

RON Fletcher's (below, number 9) hat-trick for Manchester City at Chelsea was a fine personal performance, especially as it was in only the second First Division match of this less-publicised Fletcher twin's career.

What was perhaps just as remarkable was his three-goal salvo represented the first hat-trick of the season in the

Division on the fifth Saturday.

Quite why there should have been such a dearth of hat-tricks is difficult to understand.

Last season Dennis Tueart (Manchester City) and Lou Macari (Manchester United) were hat-trick men on the first day of the season, and similar performances were soon to follow from Mike

Ferguson (Coventry), Peter Withe (Forest), John Richards (Wolves) and Bob Latchford (Everton).

Only one Second Division player — West Ham's David Cross — managed a hat-trick in the same five-week period this season, though strikers in the Third and Fourth Divisions have been much more productive.



...MORE BOOKINGS

ONE of the surprises of this season is that referees have been somewhat more liberal with the yellow cards. Match reports seem to be sprinkled with bookings galore.

Yet one of our senior referees Lester Shapter from Newton Abbot in Devon, insists there has been no general instruction from the League for officials to get tougher.

Shapter himself booked eight players in the first three matches in which he adjudicated this season, but he said the only hint he had had of a tougher policy was from the Referees' Association

who asked officials to make sure defenders were the regulation ten yards away at free-kicks.

One man who definitely thinks refs are getting a little "high-handed" is Torquay United player-manager Mike Green.

"We had nine bookings and a player (Les Lawrence) sent-off in our first five games and it seems every foul committed nowadays runs the risk of a booking with it.

"I think the whole business is getting out of hand, and referees don't seem to be using much common sense. I was at

the Newport-Aldershot match when there wasn't a bad foul in the whole 90 minutes, but every single one of the Aldershot back-four was booked and Tommy Youlden was sent-off."

Aldershot secretary Mike Cosway backed up that opinion when he told us: "We're seeing bookings for absolutely nothing. In our first League match a Wimbledon player was booked when one of our lads ran over his outstretched leg and tripped up. Our players were embarrassed and tried to get the ref to change his mind but it was no good."

MEL Roche, who is on loan to Waterford from Los Angeles Skyhawks this season, got his first League of Ireland goal recently. The Blues are doing very well under new boss Tommy Jackson, the former Northern Ireland international.

STEVE Earle, the former Fulham and Leicester City forward, has linked up with Geoff Hurst at Telford United.

Earle has recently returned to England following a spell in the United States where he has been playing with Tulsa.

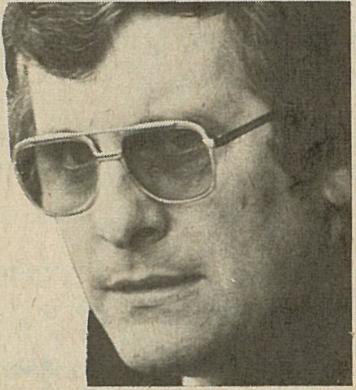
He is hoping to return to America next spring. In the meantime he is keeping in trim by playing with the Southern League side.

Mullery plays again

BRIGHTON manager Alan Mullery played for his reserves recently and helped them to a 7-1 Midweek League Cup win over Northampton.

Because of a player shortage, Mullery made himself substitute for the match and was called on when Glen Geard was carried off during the second-half with the score at 1-1.

The boss made an immediate impact, and inspired Brighton to five goals in a ten minute spell.



THE pull of the Football League is still getting through to Andy Proudlove, even though he never quite hit the big time with Reading, Sheffield Wednesday, Norwich and Hereford.

At the start of the season Andy, having been released by Hereford, signed for Northern Premier League club Buxton.

So well did he play in his first few matches Andy quickly won the reputation as the best left winger in the League, and that set him off thinking about League football again.

Consequently he's put in a transfer request to the Silverlands club stating quite candidly he knows he can earn a bit of money in a higher grade of football.

APOLOGY

I apologise for the failure to print columns from Ray Clemence, Andy Gray and Gordon McQueen, and Spotlights on Manchester United and Crystal Palace in this issue. It is due to circumstances beyond my control.

David Gregory, Editor.

CARLISLE is a favourite hunting ground for Ipswich Town who have snapped up a lot of talent from the area.

They include England cap Kevin Beattie and forwards Robin Turner and David Geddis who have both appeared in the first team.

Latest Carlisle-born discovery to make his mark at Portman Road is 17-year-old midfield man Steve McCall who was in the England youth squad that took part in an international tournament in Las Palmas recently.

And Ipswich boss Bobby Robson is keen to maintain the flow of promising youngsters from the North to East Anglia. He's just appointed a new full-time scout, John Carruthers, who lives in Carlisle!

ALTRINCHAM manager Tony Sanders restored goalkeeper Peter Eales to his position in goal with this remarkable comment recently: "I'm working on the basis my keeper spends most of his time as a sweeper and Eales is the best of the three at the club in that department — plus the fact his talking on the field is great!" Unusual qualifications.

DAVE 'STRIDES' AHEAD

DAVID Stride, the latest Chelsea youngster to make his mark, has Ken Shellito AND Eddie McCreadie, the previous Stamford Bridge manager, to thank for his progress this year.

The 20-year-old left-back played for McCreadie's Memphis Rogues during the summer and the confidence he gained in the United States helped him when he made his League debut recently.

Shellito is not keen on his players going to America, but allowed Stride to go and agrees now it's advanced David's game.

A product of Chelsea's youth team, Stride was originally a left-winger, but is now challenging for a regular place in the number three shirt.

LINFIELD'S ULSTER CUP

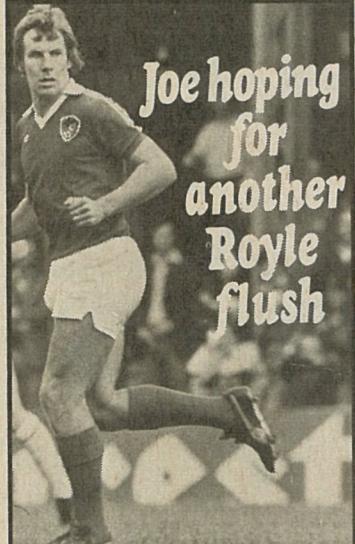
LINFIELD's Ulster Cup triumph this term was The Blues' second in a row, their third in five seasons and 12th in all since the tournament's inception, in 1949.

The Windsor Park outfit, with eight wins, a draw and two defeats in the 11-game programme, were top scorers with 28 goals, and also conceded the least number — 12. In all, 210 goals were netted in the 66-match, League-style competition, 12 more than last term, though 28 fewer than in '76-'77. Though Coleraine ace Des Dickson hit

15 of his side's 19-goal tally, to finish top Ulster Cup marksman, The Bannsiders, five-times winners of the competition, slumped to a deflating third from bottom spot, their worst start to a domestic campaign in years.

Top four Morans Ulster Cup placings in '78-'79 were:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	11	8	1	2	28	12	17
Crusaders	11	6	3	2	21	16	15
Ballymena U	11	6	2	3	19	14	14
Cliftonville	11	5	4	2	15	11	14

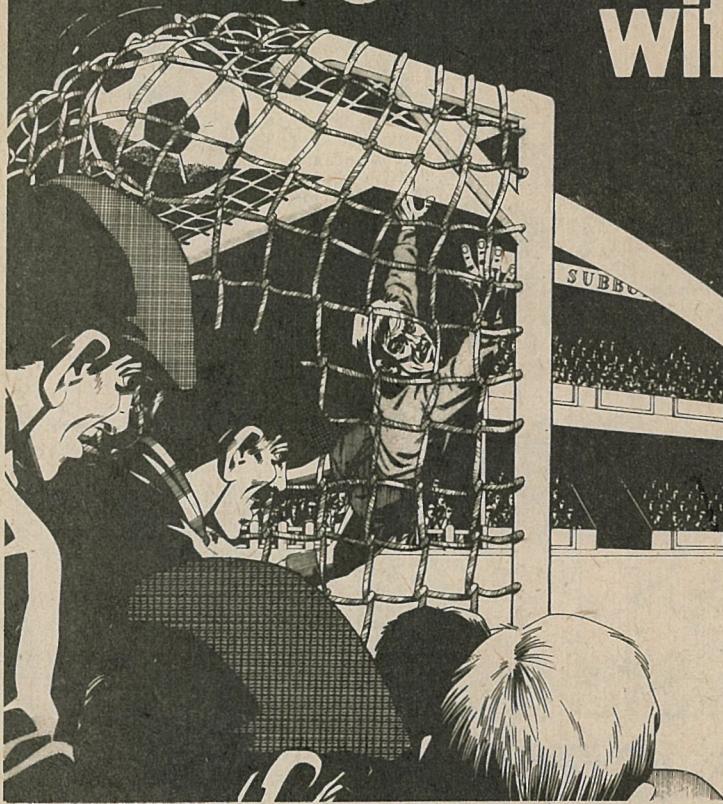


BIG Joe Royle made a giant-sized hit for Bristol City with a four-goal debut in his first game while on loan. He later joined the club in a £90,000 transfer from Everton last year.

Now jovial Joe admits: "That could be the worst thing that ever happened, because I am currently going through a lean spell and could lose my first team place."

No wonder manager Alan Dicks is praying for another Royle flush as he searches for a goal-getter.

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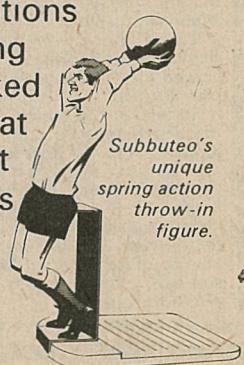


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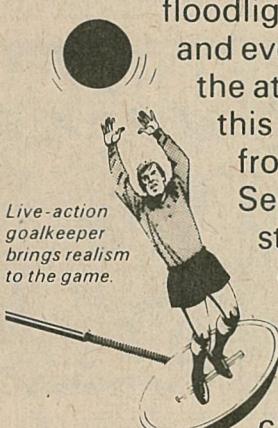
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'BOBBY McDONALD COVENTRY'S BEST BUY'

says manager Gordon Milne



WHILE Aston Villa search nationwide for a left-back, to replace the unlucky John Robson and the injured Gordon Smith, it is ironical a player they sold for a paltry £40,000 two years ago, is now ranked one of the First Division's most consistent defenders.

But Coventry's Bobby McDonald (above, third right) holds no rancour. "I'm still on friendly terms with several of my old club-mates, and as it has turned out the move was in my best interests.

"Yet on that September day two years ago when I was called in to be told Villa had accepted a £40,000 bid for me I was shocked.

"Ever since leaving my Aberdeen school at 15 and joining Aston Villa I had looked upon them as my club . . . my second home," says the aggressive 23-year-old McDonald.

"I had helped Villa to promotion, had played at Wembley. The future looked bright. And although I operated in midfield I looked on myself as successor to long-serving Charlie Aitken at left-back.

"Obviously my opinion was not shared by my boss Ron Saunders. Yet all my youth career at Villa was spent at left-back, which is my best position. It was Villa who kept playing me in midfield . . . and then I found myself in the reserves.

"It was not a happy position, yet I was still convinced I could prove the boss wrong . . . that I could

fight back to make the number three spot mine.

"So I was upset when it was made clear to me that, at 21, Villa had no further use of me. My first reaction was to stay, and to fight like fury to prove I was good enough for a regular first team place.

"But within hours of talking to manager Gordon Milne, his assistant Ron Wylie — whom I knew so well from his Villa days when he was coach under Vic Crowe's management — and seeing the Coventry set-up I had no hesitation in moving."

McDonald went into the Coventry team immediately, made his debut at Anfield, and since then has clocked up one hundred consecutive appearances.

"I've been lucky with injuries. Even when I get a knock I seem to shrug it off quickly. But a hundred consecutive appearances is not a milestone to me. It's just a stepping stone on the way to the next hundred."

"I'm not being complacent. Coventry's first team squad now is so strong everyone has to keep turning in good displays to retain a first team place. But I'm gaining in confidence all the time.

"My burning ambition is to help The Sky Blues to win a major honour . . . and if I get called up by my country that will be a bonus.

"I don't think Ally MacLeod ever

watched me, so the change of manager with Jock Stein taking over might work to my advantage."

Manager Milne is not in Tommy Docherty's class as a wheeler-dealer. But in selling a team, and building another — and a much better one — he has proved as shrewd a transfer manipulator as anyone.

He has picked up some outstanding snips. McDonald, Steve Hunt, Scottish international goalkeeper Jim Blyth, striker Ian Wallace, and defender Gary Gillespie have proved bargain buys. The lot cost less than £300,000.

Yet many Coventry fans believe the £140,000 he invested in Terry Yorath was his best move. The Welsh international skipper is a brilliant team organiser, and an inspiring leader both on and off the pitch.

Milne, however, who chooses his words carefully, admits: "McDonald must be as good a buy as I have made . . . if not the best.

"I signed him after only watching him once. But my assistant Ron Wylie kept recommending him . . . was convinced he would give us good service at left-back . . . and he was right.

"I would say Bobby is in the Terry Cooper mould. He likes to attack, and he can get us six or seven goals a season. The one he hit against Chelsea this season had

the England manager Ron Greenwood jumping from his seat."

Milne has a theory that players, no matter how experienced or how good, never reach their peak until they are about 27. "Kevin Keegan is prime example of that theory of mine. He's 27, has never played better, and going to Germany has done him an immense amount of good."

The Sky Blues manager advances that theme when he adds: "We have not yet seen the best of McDonald. His 100 games for us have come quickly — Terry Yorath picked up much more experience in his first 100 senior games as he was in and out of the Leeds team.

"He needs to have more belief in himself, gain more confidence — and I am certain he will become one of the most polished full-backs in the League.

"I think he will do that over the next few seasons."

Ask Milne what contribution McDonald has made in the transformation of Coventry from relegation battlers to a team chasing a European spot and he gives the answer in one word: "Immense".

Adds Milne: "He is consistently good. He seldom has a bad game. In fact had we, collectively, shown the same consistency as Bobby exhibited last season, we would not have narrowly missed out on winning a European spot. We would have made it."

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Patrick Wright of Highworth, near Swindon, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

NO COMPETITION

I WAS interested to read the letter about Kevin Keegan and Kenny Dalglish. I don't think it should be looked upon as a competition or that the two players are competing against each other.

Both are best at what they do and in turn, this reflects their personalities. Keegan is an extrovert, with greater speed and reflexes and brings fun and excitement to the game.

Dalglish is media-shy, but his football sense second-to-none. If Kenny has never fulfilled himself for Scotland, then I lay the blame on the failure of Scotland managers, especially the last one, to fully understand him.

Hopefully, now the S.F.A. have seen sense and appointed Jock Stein, Kenny will start to shine for Scotland, as he did under Stein for Celtic.

Be glad Kenny plays in Britain — his talents would be appreciated abroad.

Comparisons are unfair, but inevitable. Dalglish is proud to be measured against his predecessor. Let's be grateful we can see both players in action, even if Kevin only appears in internationals these days.

JOCK STEIN — The row continues

I refer to Chris Davies's article about Jock Stein — "What Price Loyalty?" Football is supposed to be a business and to be a businessman you must be professional. In what other job would a man be criticised for professionally improving his position? Since when, at managerial level, has anyone really trusted anyone else? Mr. Davies must be very naive to put this trash on paper.

PATRICK PORTER, CO. KERRY.

Managers expect — no, demand — loyalty from players. When a player asks for a transfer he's called disloyal, so a manager must be labelled likewise. Thankfully, there are still a lot of trustworthy managers in the game who keep their word. — CD.

I disagree with Chris Davies. There was no way Stein was going to stay at Leeds because he is a patriotic Scot who would do anything to manage his country. Could it be Mr. Davies is jealous of Stein, because his managerial skill will rub off on to the Scots, whom he obviously despises?

NEIL WILSON, EDINBURGH.

Stein was offered, and turned down, the Scotland job while with Celtic. What price patriotism? Full marks to the likes of George Petchey, who turned down the offer to manage a First Division club because he'd given his word to stay with Millwall, a far less glamorous task than managing Leeds. —CD.

I'm glad to see someone outside of Leeds shares my views about the fiasco at Elland Road. Jock Stein showed loyalty to Celtic by staying with them when he was offered the Scotland job, but couldn't do the same at Leeds.

ROGER MAKINSON, MORLEY.

Few would deny Stein is the right man for the Scotland job, but the way he got it was unfortunate. The S.F.A. showed remarkable tolerance in keeping Ally MacLeod on after the World Cup. If they'd sacked him then, as they should, all this wouldn't have blown up. —CD.

Pen-Pal

I am a 14-year-old boy and would like a pen-pal anywhere in the world who supports Leeds United.

GUY BONELLO,
"THE CAPER",
SLIEMA ROAD,
KAPPARA,
MALTA.

Ashamed

F.I.F.A. should be ashamed of themselves, banning George Best from football. They have no right to stop a man earning his living. When will Best be left alone and appreciated for his skill and talent?

KEVIN O'SHEA,
DUBLIN.

As soccer's ruling body, F.I.F.A. have every right, but Bestie is the victim of a legal wrangle between two clubs, which is a shame as he, himself, has done nothing wrong.

Dull Games

SINCE the beginning of the season I have been to matches at various levels ... from the Athenian League to Division One. Every game has been dominated by dull, defensive play with little attacking.

Referees ought to have the power — as in boxing — to call the teams together and liven things up.

DAVID SAMS,
HODDESDON.

You must be going to the wrong matches. I've seen some tremendous games and as you live just a few miles from Watford, why not pop along to Vicarage Road?



It has been joked that at times Ray Clemence should hand his wages over to his Liverpool back-four ... he's had so little to do during the game! Clem may play behind just about the best organised defence in the League, but apart from Nottingham Forest fans, few would doubt he is England's number one Number One. Here is a selection of photos to show just some of Ray's skills ...

ABOVE ... You can't win 'em all! On this occasion Clem is obstructed by Birmingham City's Keith Bertschin as he came out for the ball.

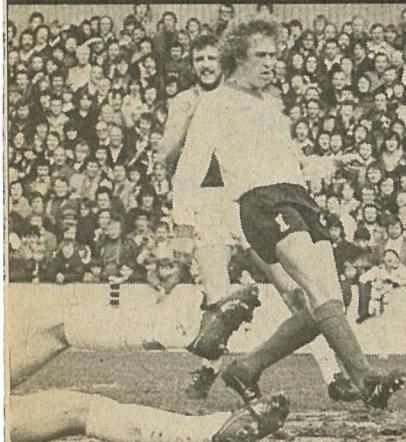
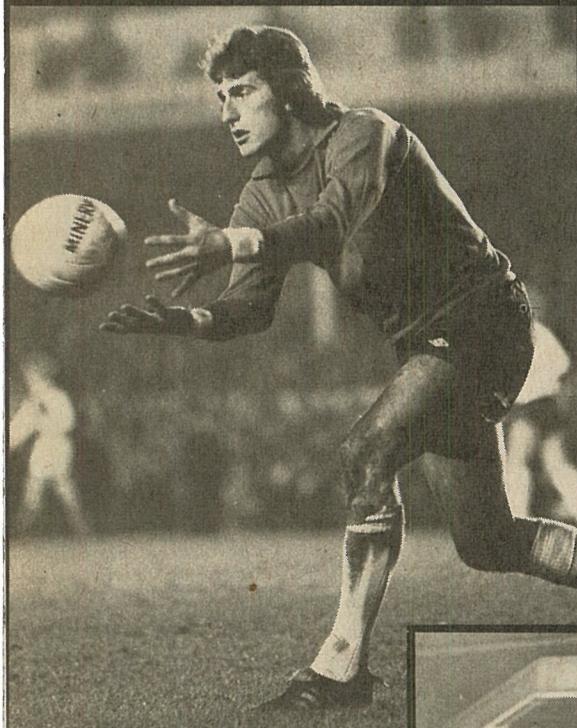
BELOW ... Ray smothers the ball as West Ham's Pop Robson poses a threat.

RIGHT ... Eyes on the ball, the England star makes no mistake.

FAR RIGHT ... A superb action study of the Liverpool goalkeeper, as he jumps high to make a fine save during a game against Manchester United.



SUPER SAVER CLEMENCE



ABOVE . . . Ray dashes off his line in the European Cup-tie against Forest at Anfield to thwart Gary Birtles.
RIGHT . . . That's mine! Ray jumps the highest to fist away this corner against Queens Park Rangers.

What the YANKS can teach US about soccer presentation

A typical scene in America.

WHEN the subject of American soccer crops up, the first things people think of are the gimmickry, the outrageous wages, and the shapely cheerleaders.

It's written off by many people in the British game as candy floss soccer. But it would be wrong to dismiss it as being of no relevance to the way we do things over here.

Maybe the painted pitches, the 35-yard offside line, and the shoot-out wouldn't go over well at British League grounds. Nor would our fans, who are much better educated in the arts of the game, want a running commentary on the play. For one thing, it would stop their own shouts of advice.

But there are still lessons Britain can learn from studying the game in the States. Already this season, we are seeing American-style electronic scoreboards at many grounds. A sign we are beginning to realise the need for fans to be better informed, instead of treating them like unwanted guests.

Significantly, one of the grounds to get themselves an electronic programme is Watford, whose chairman Elton John thinks we can learn from American methods.

Says John: "I'd like to see all English clubs playing on Astroturf instead of putting up with the conditions we have to in the winter. It's ridiculous."

Conservative

"The trouble is the people who run the game in this country are so conservative, so loath to change things. But I think it has to come in the future. It has to make sense."

John, of course, was involved with the Los Angeles Aztecs for a while, but he admits the football on the other side of the Atlantic doesn't compare with here.

Much has been made of the remarkable wage packets that go to players in the States, Trevor Francis picked up around £70,000 for his stay last summer and even average Third or Fourth Division players can pick up a few hundred pounds a week. But clubs in the States demand more from their players than simply turning up for training and matches. They expect them to be involved and interested in the club's general welfare.

That's why in most cases, players are under orders to appear at post-match parties to mingle with fans. And it's usually a term of the player's contract to take part in coaching clinics for youngsters.

Naturally, with the shorter season, it's easier for players to put time aside for such ventures. But it is still a step towards encouraging supporters, especially youngsters, to feel a part of the club.

Although they work their players, on and off the field, it's not to say American stars feel exploited. Norwich goalkeeper Kevin Keelan, who was with New England Tea Men last summer, says: "It was an eye opener for me out there. They really appreciate athletes in the States and the clubs make you feel important, too."

Nor do most players begrudge giving their time to coaching sessions for local kids. Gordon Banks, who has played for Fort Lauderdale for the past two seasons and is now hoping to find a club to coach says: "Giving advice to the kids is one of the most exciting things about life in America.

'They're all so keen, and willing to learn. The ability of some of the youngsters is astonishing — as good as anything you'll see in England. Once they start coming



The Cosmos' Franz Beckenbauer (left) and Giorgio Chinaglia happily chat to the Press. The American kids (below) have taken to soccer in a big way.



through, things will really take off here.

"Americans are so professional about everything. I've been very impressed with the way they've approached the development of the game here and I'm sure they'll get things right very soon."

The Americans are also willing to give young coaches a chance to prove themselves, instead of always going for big names.

That's why ex-Crystal Palace full-back Peter Wall decided to join California Surf.

He's a player — assistant-coach at the Surf, helping his former Palace colleague John Sewell. Says Wall: "I want to be the best coach in America and I reckon I could achieve that aim quicker here than I could in Britain.

"Back home, you have to prove yourself. God knows how many years before anyone will give you a shot at management. But here, it's not like that. They're willing to give you a chance to show what



States by several British managers.

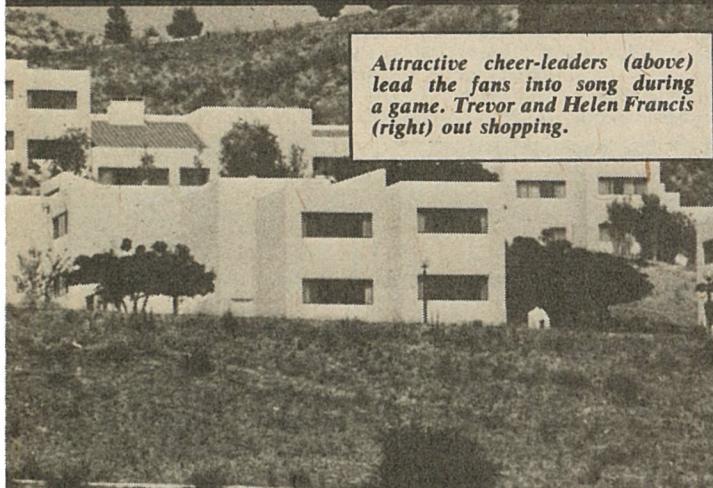
The Americans' courting of the Press is partly explained by their desperate need for publicity in a country where soccer is still a minority sport. But even here, it wouldn't do British clubs any harm to take a leaf from the book of their transatlantic partners.

It's now a rule of the North American League that managers must throw their dressing-room doors open to Pressmen no later than ten minutes after the final whistle. Otherwise, they risk a fine.

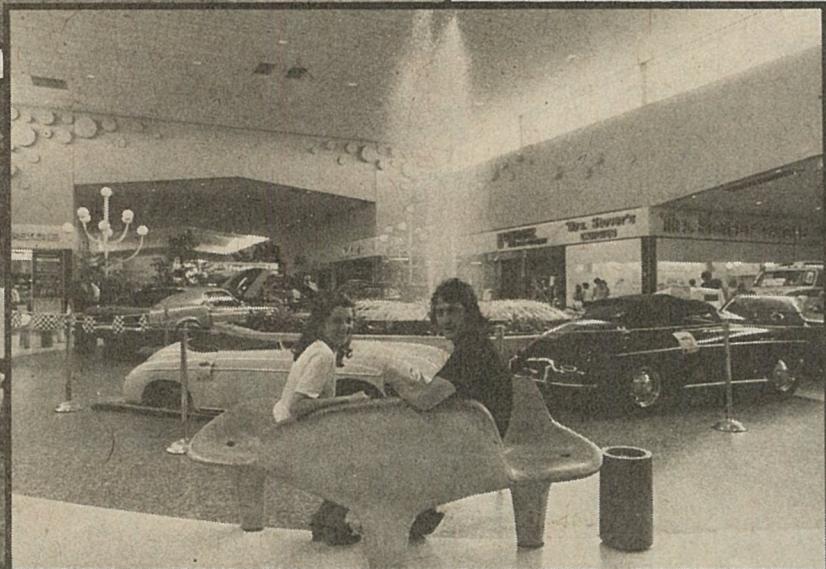
League managers would no doubt show heavy resistance to any move to bring that here. But what they're really doing when they snub journalists, is to hit at the fans who are paying their players' wages.

It's all very well for Brian Clough to say his job is to run a football team, not talk to the Press, but that's showing scant regard for Nottingham Forest's fans.

Certainly, there would be no harm in English teams communicating with the Press on simple, factual matters, and helping with the compilation of statistics. In the States, journalists get writ-



Attractive cheer-leaders (above) lead the fans into song during a game. Trevor and Helen Francis (right) out shopping.



you can do."

The Surf are also a marvellous example of how well Americans sell the game. Last summer was their first in the North American League and they were competing with the better known Aztecs in California.

But they averaged over 10,000 at home, far more than the Aztecs, and built up a lot of goodwill for future seasons. They did it by getting out and meeting the fans, giving special offers for season tickets, and family blocks of seats, putting on spectacular pre-match and half-time entertainment, and always making the fans feel wanted. They actually used to flash a 'Thank you all for coming' message on their scoreboard during each game.

British clubs could learn from such courtesy, and there are signs this season they are beginning to realise they need to show more regard for their supporters. It's probably no coincidence this has come about following trips to the

ten confirmation of goalscorers and goal times a few minutes after they've happened and the information is relayed to fans, too.

Another simple device to inform fans is the use of a 45-minute clock, which isn't official time, but merely a guide to how long is left in each half. Some clubs over here are following the American lead in this, too, and it can only be for the good of the game.

Phil Parkes of Vancouver Whitecaps is one of the players who has made his home there now. He says: "I love it here and I wouldn't go back now."

"The playing side is good, the conditions are good and I get the chance to coach which I never got in England."

"It's very rewarding to work with the kids and watch them improving at the game. They appreciate it, and it's good experience for me, too. I'm hoping when I have to quit playing, the benefits of that will help me get a full-time coaching job."

Manager John Neal spells out WHAT BORO NEED TO STAY UP

MIDDLESBROUGH, the North-East's only representative in Division One, found themselves deep in the relegation zone early in the season and the fans staying away in droves.

This, together with the fact the Ayresome club were dismissed from the League Cup by Third Division Peterborough, seems to indicate a chilling future for the Teessiders.

John Neal, the Boro manager, aware of the need for new blood, has been searching for quality players since August. Earlier this season, he had tried to sign Argentinian World Cup forward Rene Houseman for a fee of more than £300,000, but the player was against the deal.

Then Neal made a move for Duncan McKenzie, only to find the Everton man preferred Chelsea.

Later, the Middlesbrough boss succeeded in landing Burnley's Irish international winger, Terry Cochrane, for £210,000, a record transfer fee for the Teessiders, in October.

Neal said: "It's wingers who make goals for any club. A centre-forward needs a man on the flank to create openings and send over the crosses for him, and I'm looking to Terry to be a real asset to our attack."

"So far this season, things have not worked out very well for us. In defence, when we've made a slip, we have been fully punished for it and it has cost us points. Like other First Division clubs, Middlesbrough have been looking for top players in Europe and South America."

With Cochrane being snapped up within a few days of Middlesbrough signing Mickey Burns from Cardiff for £75,000, manager Neal was more optimistic about his team's future.

"All our efforts are finally paying off after a

heartbreaking search for so long for players. If you keep persevering you will succeed in the end, and I'm confident we can pull away from the wrong end of the table. At this stage, we are finding our situation is a test of the character of our players.

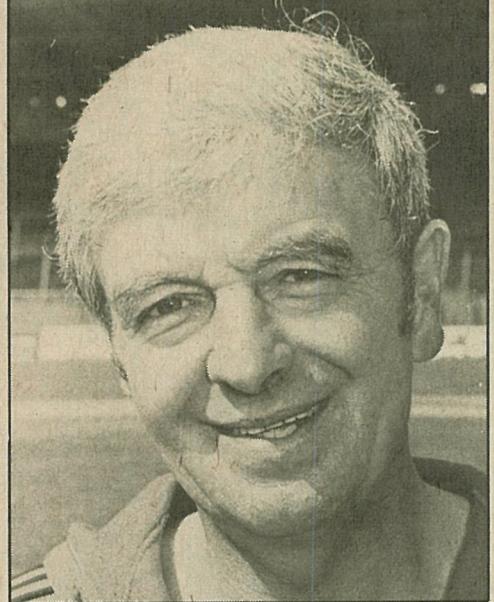
"Some of them have been through a difficult time. Take Billy Ashcroft — I brought him from Wrexham to do a job for me, because I believed he could do it and he proved this with a brilliant display at Birmingham in August. But at home, he has been worried when the knockers have got at him, so he has to find the confidence to keep them quiet by scoring goals.

"I know Billy from his Wrexham days. He can hold his own in the First Division, and with Terry Cochrane to give our attack more width, Billy will benefit."

Neal, who took charge at Middlesbrough over a year ago after almost taking Wrexham to promotion, has had a hectic life at Ayresome since he succeeded Jack Charlton. Immediately on accepting the Boro job, he had to join the team on a close-season tour of Australia.

Then he returned to Teesside to sort out players' contracts, later bought John Mahoney from Stoke for £80,000 and Ashcroft from Wrexham for £100,000, before being confronted with a request from Graeme Souness to leave Boro.

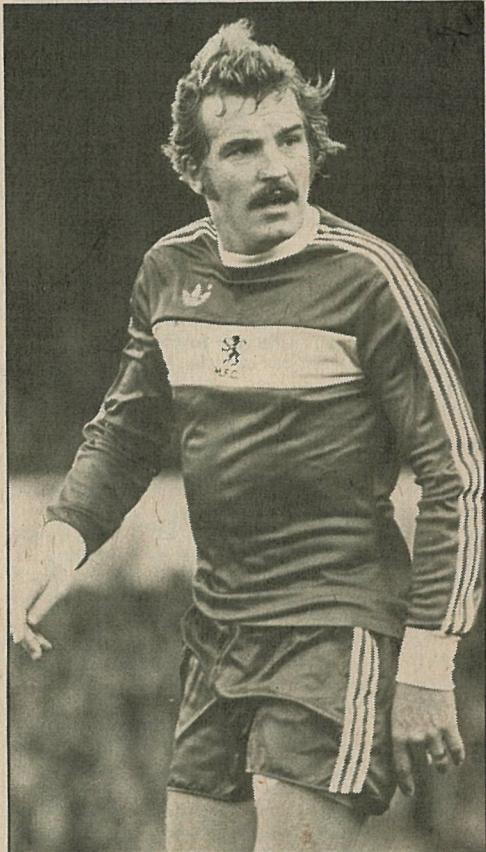
Following the departure of Souness to Liverpool for close on £352,000, Middlesbrough



improved their League position and had a good F.A. Cup run in John Neal's first season in the First Division.

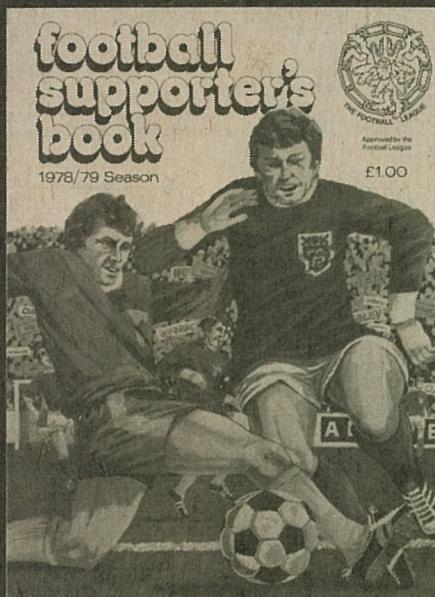
But this term, there has been struggle and disappointment, together with a falling off in attendances and a crowd of just over 12,000 for Middlesbrough's match against Queens Park Rangers in mid-September.

In spite of this, manager Neal refuses to panic. He says: "Strengthening the side has been my target this season, and if we aren't the best team in the League, we are certainly not the worst. What I want now above everything else is effort and application from my players — I know I have the men who can take us to a better League position."



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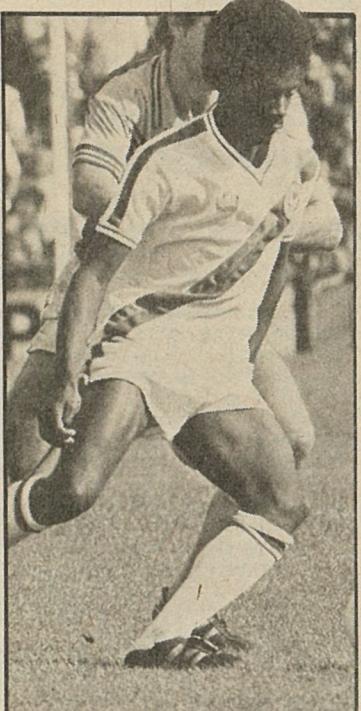
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VINCE HILAIRE



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player to last season. I am more confident now and am playing a different position this season. Now, I have a free role which allows me to go anywhere. I can play in midfield to pick up the ball, drop back if we are in trouble or go out wide on the wings. I can also drift up-front if I feel the time is right.

"Terry gave me the roving commission this term and it means I don't have the same responsibilities as if I was in a certain position. Last season, I played in four different positions — out on the wing, right side of midfield, up-front and then left side of midfield. Now, I go where I like. It's a nicer role to have because you see much more of the ball. You go where the ball is, basically."

Hilaire, despite his own criticism, has made remarkable strides in the last few seasons. This is only really his second full campaign in first team football and yet already he is talked of as a lad with a golden future.

"Big name clubs might talk of trying to sign me," continues the 19-year-old Hilaire, "but I'm just not interested. We all get on so well here none of us wants to go off on our own to other clubs.

"As far as I'm concerned, Palace gave me my chance much earlier than I expected. They have been ever so good to me, now I want to help repay that confidence by helping them win promotion. And that's the way all the lads here feel."

'Gesture'

Hilaire was signed for Palace by former manager Malcolm Allison. And the youngster has high praise for the work Allison did. "He was great to us," says Hilaire. "He used to come and watch the schoolboy games we were playing in on a Saturday morning before the first team home games in the afternoon. That was a great gesture and none of us forgot it."

"Big Mal was completely different to Terry Venables. I always felt Allison had difficulty at times putting points across to you. He was a lot quieter than Terry. Venables makes his point and makes it clearly. And he knows such a lot about the game, it's fantastic. Malcolm has that bit of charisma about him. He took time out to speak to us even when we were 13-year-old kids. That helped to make Palace the friendly club it still is today."

If there is one big ambition everyone has at Palace, it is to help the club back into the First Division. Hilaire sums it up by saying: "I am sure I speak for everyone when I say it's really the biggest ambition we all have. Maybe we would struggle for experience in the First Division — maybe not. I don't really know. But we all want to get up there for the club's sake. When we are there, we can start worrying about who or what we need to do well. At the moment, we are concentrating on getting away with it to a certain extent.

"However, I am a very different



COLIN LEE

Patience has paid off

THE early season disruptions at Tottenham meant many things to many people. For manager Keith Burkinshaw, his summer signings from Argentina — Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa — meant the Spurs midfield had to be almost completely changed.

Up-front, too, major surgery was carried out by Burkinshaw. Ian Moores was paired with Gerry Armstrong in Spurs' early games — but neither lasted long. Moores soon sold to Orient and Armstrong tried at centre-half. Scottish striker John Duncan was played up-front but soon moved on, joining Derby County for a £150,000 fee.

Then, Colin Lee and Glenn Hoddle played together as the main strikers. That is, Hoddle played there after Ricardo Villa had been tried alongside Lee. It was an extraordinary series of manoeuvrings aimed at finding Spurs' best forward combination.

Perhaps the least known of all strikers tried was Lee. Yet last season, he had enjoyed a fairy-tale start with four goals on his Tottenham debut — against Bristol Rovers.

Who remembers that match? Lee came straight into the side after his transfer from Torquay and helped wallop poor Rovers 9-0. Then, Lee went on to score 11 goals in 22 first team appearances last season.

With a record like that, Lee must have fancied his chances this season. But he says: "My problems started with a groin injury I'd picked up at the end of last season. I wasn't completely right during our pre-season matches and clearly didn't impress when I did

play. So I failed to get in."

Lee waited patiently while the changes were made. He says: "It worried me at first when I didn't get in the side. I had a few words with the manager about it but decided it was no use letting my head down. I didn't want to do that and let my game go completely. I decided the only way to get back in was by doing well in the reserves and showing what I could do. So I got stuck in, scored a few goals for the reserves and was eventually brought into the side."

Lee picked a good game to come back. After some poor early displays including that 7-0 slaughter by Liverpool at Anfield and the 1-3 home defeat in the League Cup by John Toshack's Swans, Spurs needed some morale-boosting wins. Lee came back for the visit to Leeds . . . and his goal helped Tottenham to a shock 2-1 away win. That gave him his place back with a bump.

Lee says: "When I first returned, I was playing up-front on my own and that was difficult. But then Glenn Hoddle moved forward and that helped me.

"I never really sat down and thought about wanting to leave Spurs. I'd done so well last term I didn't just want to help them come into the First and then leave. So I was prepared to wait for my chance. I thought I could get back in the side and keep my place so it

was really just being patient."

Spurs' results improved gradually after that horrific start. They outplayed Manchester City for long periods at Maine Road and, although losing 2-0, took much comfort from that display. Then, Peter Taylor's early goal was enough to give them a 1-0 victory at The Hawthorns against much-fancied West Bromwich Albion.

The future — this season? Lee says: "I'm sure we will survive. Much was said about our early season form which was admittedly disappointing.

"But people forgot, it was our return to the First Division and we were bound to take a while to adjust. No one at the club is slackening or taking things easy now just because we have had a few wins.

"Last season, I got quite a few of my goals from crosses by our full-backs. We all pushed forward, full-backs, midfield players . . . the lot. But we were getting caught out and not getting back quickly enough in the early weeks of this season. So the manager brought Perryman and Pratt into midfield to give us solidarity and held back the full-backs. Maybe we don't make as many chances but we are looking much tighter in defence with the new policy.

"My hopes for the season? Obviously, I'm delighted to have got the chance of First Division football. I am confident I can keep my place and keep doing well. I'm still learning each week but I am a great believer in my own ability and feel sure I can do it for Spurs this season."

Lee's early success will have cheered manager Burkinshaw. If the young West Country lad can produce the goals in the top flight, the manager's problems will not be so great. Only that mixed-up midfield will need sorting out now.

DARLINGTON might not be everyone's cup of tea, but to centre-half Derek Craig, it's the best club in the Fourth Division.

"I think possibly at times we play too much football," he says. "Everybody runs us down because we once had a reputation of being a hard team. But we've got some good players now: Barry Lyons from Scunthorpe and Alan Probert, a recent £20,000 signing from Scunthorpe, to name two."

"We just lack finishing power. If we knocked the ball into the net more often, then we'd be a brilliant team."

"We proved this in the Third Round of the League Cup against Everton. We lost 1-0, but we deserved a draw at least, such was the quality of our game. It sounds unbelievable, yet at times, we played them off the park."

'Motivates'

"The gate at Goodison was 23,682 and if you can't play in front of that number of people, then there must be something wrong with you. It really motivates you — it lifted us, anyway."

"It's funny. The bigger the game, the better we play. We struggle in the League and I don't know why. We beat Hartlepool in early October, which wasn't very difficult, and I hope that's the start of bigger things to come. Even though we're in the lower half of the table at the moment, I think we'll be up there at the end of the season."

Derek, 25, and once of

DARLINGTON'S TROUBLE? 'They play too much football'

says centre-half

DEREK CRAIG

America playing for San Jose Earthquakes.

"Since I've been here we've performed miracles in the Cup competitions and we're beginning to get a different reputation now. It makes you think. Not only did we beat title chasing Fulham; we completely outplayed them."

"It's an attacking philosophy at Darlington. It doesn't matter who we play, home or away, we always go out to win."

'Family'

"The club tries to buy players and they don't want to come, yet the set-up's brilliant. I know it's hard to imagine, but it's just like a happy little family; everybody gets on great."

"The only drawback is the attendance figures; we don't get enough support. But we've a hardcore of 2,000 and they're marvellous. The Feethams is only a small ground and those that do

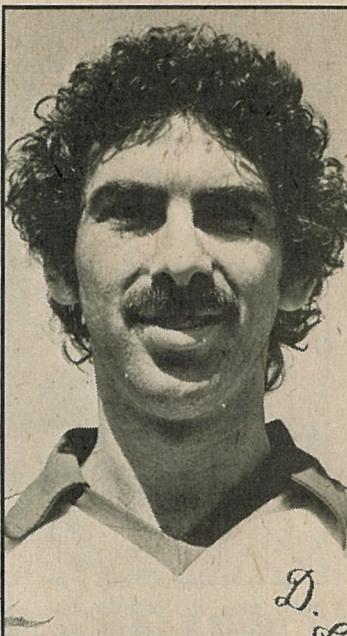
turn up make themselves heard. They get behind the team and it encourages you to try that little harder."

Up to now Derek has had a good season, yet by rights he shouldn't have been fully fit until Christmas. "In June I was rushed to hospital with a burst appendix," he explains. "They said I'd have to rest for at least a couple of months. But I was dead keen to get back, so after four weeks I started training again and I got straight back into the team."

"I was lucky. It could have gone the other way. I was really ill and I didn't realise just how bad I was."

On the pitch, Derek admits a tendency to over elaborate. "Sometimes I try to play too much football. Apart from that I haven't a weakness. I've got the height and weight to join the attack. I'm good in the air and I score a few goals. I wouldn't say I was a goalscoring centre-half, but I get my share."

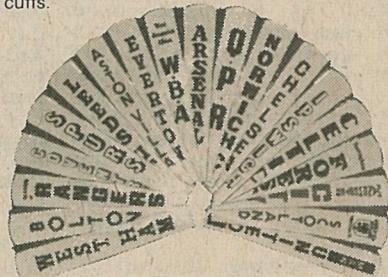
"I'm happy at Darlington and I wouldn't fancy moving to another Fourth Division club. But if a big outfit came in, then obviously it would be a different matter."



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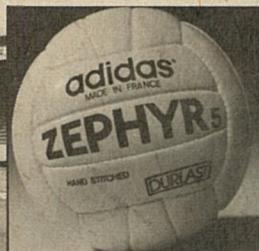
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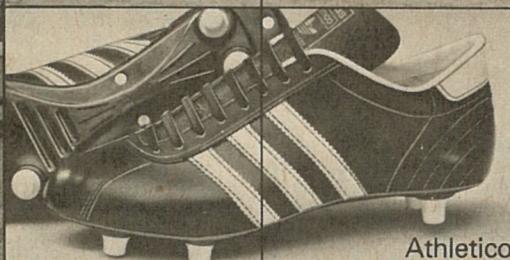
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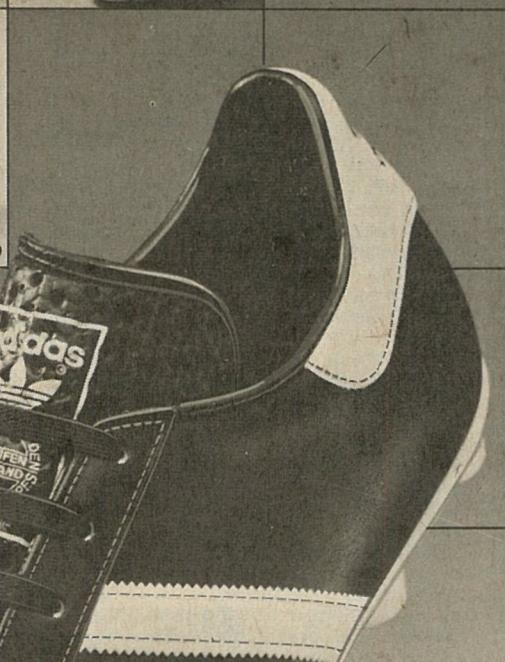
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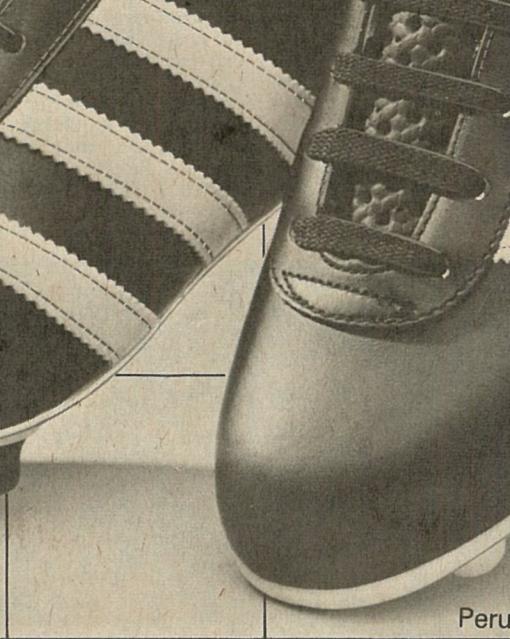
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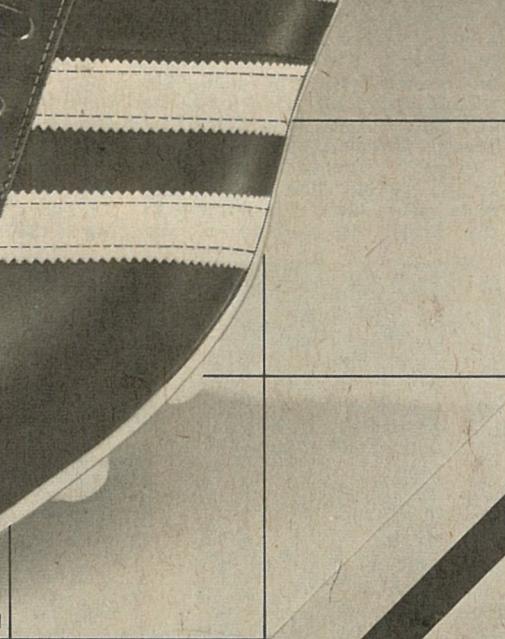
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SOME of the 92 Football League clubs hardly ever seem to change Divisions. A slight movement up or down seem to be the most they made, however long their soccer history.

Other teams go up and down the Divisions like a roller coaster out of control. Up to the giddy heights of the First Division one year and within a few years the same club are struggling among the Fourth Division sides and hoping to avoid having to seek re-election.

Thirty-two of its membership, more than a third, could never possibly have met for League points because they have remained either in the First and Second or the Third and Fourth Divisions. A further 41 have been in three of the four Leagues as they stand at the moment, Bristol Rovers, Hull, Plymouth and Swindon have confined their activities merely to the middle two Divisions and Wimbledon and Wigan, of course, have not yet ventured outside of the basement.

What of the other thirteen clubs not yet mentioned? Well, Huddersfield Town are unique in they have been in Divisions One, Two, Three and Four only, 11 teams have appeared in five Divisions of the Football League if the old Third North and Third South are counted separately and Coventry City, alone of the 92, have played at six levels because they have been a member of both regionalised Third Divisions, as well as the First, Second, Third and Fourth.

Coventry City have had the most successful rise from obscurity. After spending most of their time in the middle strata of the League, they suddenly found themselves in the Fourth Division in 1958-59 when the two Thirds were amalgamated. It was not to last long. The Sky Blue Rocket, later piloted by present 'Match of the Day' analyst Jimmy Hill, blasted out of the last League within nine months and eight years later was floating in the upper atmosphere of the

First Division.

Today, Coventry, playing some attractive soccer under Gordon Milne, are the only one of the dozen names under review in the First Division, although their first major honour still eludes them.

Grimsby Town almost qualify to be coupled with Coventry in the 'All Divisions Club'. They were original members of the Second Division in 1892, remained in it (apart from two terms in the top flight) until 1920 when they were relegated to the newly-formed Third Division. As this comprised the whole of the old First Division of the Southern League, it could technically be called the Third South, although the League was not geographically divided until the following season when Grimsby found themselves switched to the Third North.

Semi-Finalists

After this, they took only eight years to reach the top 22 again, their best period coming during the 1930's when they were twice Cup Semi-Finalists, once Second Division Champions and reached fifth in the land in 1934-35. The 'Mariners' dropped out of top ranking in 1948 and have since sailed in

the League's lower reaches.

Saddest name on our list is Portsmouth. Runners-up in the 1929 and 1934 F.A. Cup, they at last won the trophy by overcoming hot-favourites, Wolves, in the last Final before the War. After the hostilities, their success continued under Jimmy Dickinson and Co. Pompey won the League Championship in 1949 and became the eighth club to successfully defend the title in 1950. The Fratton team experienced a quarter of a century of First Division seasons then, immediately the 1960's came along, their fortunes began to wane. However, they remained in the top 44 until 1976 — until two relegations in three years found them seeking a new life in the Fourth Division.

Two sides are included in this review by virtue of just one season amongst the elite. In 1965 Northampton became the first in history to make the journey from Fourth to First Division and they did it in a mere five years. So sad they returned from whence they had come in even quicker time — four seasons. So, they had done the round Fourth-First-Fourth trip within the 1960's decade and have since had time to go back up to the Third and down again immedi-

ately, a total of eight moves in twice as many seasons.

Carlisle United are the other sole First Division season team. Solidly Third North from their admittance to the League in 1928 until 1958, they plunged into the Fourth on its inauguration in 1958-59 for four years. Then, things began to happen. Brunton Park fans saw their men go up to the Third in 1962, come down to the Fourth the following April and be promoted twice in a row in 1964 and 1965.

In case you have lost track they were now in the Second Division, and, after nine attempts, made it to the top in 1974 under the new three-up rule. In spite of being relegated after only one season, Carlisle can claim to have once been top of the land. After three fixtures of the 1974-5 campaign, United looked down at the other 91 clubs, with maximum points. The wheel has turned full circle for the little Cumbrians, they face Third Division opponents again after being relegated once more in 1977.

Apart from Portsmouth, three

Crystal Palace (below stripes) entered the League in 1920. They spent four seasons in the First Division.



ROUNDERS



ABOVE . . . This is the Portsmouth line-up that won the First Division Championship in 1948-49 season.

BELLOW . . . If Brighton clinch promotion this season they will be a member of the exclusive Five Divisions Club.

other F.A. Cup winners feature among the sides which have played in five Divisions. Bradford City became first holders of the present trophy when they beat Newcastle in a replay in 1911. In that year and the following one they played twelve successive ties without conceding a goal. At the time they were at the beginning of a sequence of ten First Division years, the only occasion in which they appeared in top company.

City are recently remembered for battling through to the last eight of the Cup before going out to eventual winners, Southampton, via McCallion's volley from Osgood's scooped free-kick.

Bury had a sensational few opening years in the Football League. In their first season of 1894-5 they won promotion to the First Division as Champions, in the first Cup Final of the 1900's they beat Southampton 4-0 and three years later thrashed Derby County



Records of the 12 clubs which have been in at least five Divisions of the Football League

CLUB	PRESENT DIV	ENTERED LGE.	No. of seasons in:—						Total
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Notts County	2	1888	26	30	7	9	8	80	
Portsmouth	4	1920	25	19	3	4	1	52	
Bury	3	1894	22	37	11	1	3	74	
Grimsby Town	4	1892	12	34	13	10	6	75	
Coventry City	1	1919	12	18	5	17	1	53	
Bradford City	4	1903	10	18	7	16	14	65	
Oldham Athletic	2	1907	9	21	9	15	7	61	
Luton Town	2	1897	6	25	4	17	3	55	
Brentford	3	1920	5	9	10	16	12	52	
Crystal Palace	2	1920	4	12	7	26	3	52	
Carlisle United	3	1928	1	11	4	23	5	44	
Northampton Town	4	1920	1	3	6	30	12	52	

Figures include 1978/9 season
Luton left the League between 1901 and 1920.

(South) home fixtures in season 1929-30, but they failed to obtain promotion! However, success was not long in coming. A double elevation in 1933 and 1935 took them to the First Division, where they lasted only five seasons but they finished in the country's top six three times. The 'Bees' have lately been in the lower Divisions.

Northampton completed the Fourth-First journey in 1965, Carlisle did it by 1974 and in between these two great feats the Eagles of Crystal Palace soared through the Divisions to the First in 1969. It was always tough at the top for them and even Malcolm Allison's leadership could not prevent successive relegations in 1973 and 1974. 'Big Mal' had a chance to redeem his failures two seasons later when his team galloped into the Christmas programme seven points ahead of the field but unbelievably poor 1976 form dropped them to fifth place and even denied them the Third Division's first F.A. Cup Final position, they were forced to doff their Fedoras to Southampton in the Semis. Palace were the Third's first Champions in 1921, still their only honour in the game.

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Injured
man...





Robson slots home his second penalty against Sheffield United at Upton Park. West Ham won 2-0.

'A battle of wits'

RYAN ROBSON reckons being a penalty taker is like life as a casual labourer. You're in work one minute and out of it the next.

Says the West Ham star: "It's a job you normally hand over the first time you miss one. Then when the next fellow misses, you get the job back again."

"David Cross started the season as our penalty taker but he missed one against Swindon and I stepped in. I'm hoping I might have the job for a while now because I'm scoring a lot of goals generally, and my confidence is up."

"I liken penalties to pressure putts at golf. In both situations, accuracy is the thing I try to work on. I concentrate on putting the ball where I want it."

"I used to practise my kicks at one time but I don't think it helps because the situation on the day can be so much different. Sometimes, you get a penalty when you're 3-0 up and there's no pressure on you at all. Other times, it might be at a crucial stage in the match, and I can feel the adrenalin flowing as soon as the ref points to the spot. I know it's all down to me."

"The practice I've had over the years has helped me develop a technique which serves me in good stead now. But these days, you need more variety in your kicks because scouts from other clubs are at most first class games, so goalkeepers are pretty clued up."

"A lot of penalty takers look at the 'keeper before they take the kick to get a reaction from him. If he's standing to one side of the goal, you can be pretty sure he wants it the other side. It's all a battle of wits between the pair of you."

"People sometimes ask what it takes to be a good penalty-kicker. I would say either someone with a cool head or an idiot."

Four ace penalty-takers reveal their attitudes and methods



Gary Owen sends Coventry 'keeper Les Sealey the wrong way from the penalty spot.



'Keep goalies guessing'

DESPITE a name that suggests a penchant for rugby, GARY OWEN is better at putting penalties under the bar rather than over it.

The young Manchester City star has taken over the roles of two of Maine Road's best known stars.

He's wearing the midfield number eight shirt that used to be the exclusive property of Colin Bell. And he's been the City penalty-king since Dennis Tueart took off to the States.

Says Owen: "When Dennis left, they were looking for someone to take them so I volunteered. I'd taken them in the youth and reserve teams and the goals are the same size in the first team."

"I don't get too worried about taking them, and I try to put thought behind them. When we played Coventry recently, we got a penalty in the second-half and I remembered I'd taken one on the box the week before."

"I thought the Coventry 'keeper Les Sealey might have seen that, so I decided to put the ball in the opposite corner."

"In the final minute, we got another. That time, I put it in the other corner. You have to keep them guessing all the time."

"I try to keep them wondering. It's a battle of nerves between you and the 'keeper isn't it? So far, I seem to be coming out on top — in fact, I haven't missed one in the First Division."

"I normally aim to place the ball where I want it, but to get enough power behind the shot to beat the 'keeper even if he guesses right."

'A cool head'

PHIL NEAL missed his first spot-kick when he forgot one of the penalty taker's golden rules — never change your mind.

Says the Liverpool full-back: "I changed my mind on my way to picking the ball up. I usually decide where I'm going to put it as soon as I hear the referee blow up for the penalty."

"But I've only missed two penalties out of 20-odd, so I reckon that's pretty good going. You aim for nine out of ten. I never practise taking penalties and it's hard to list the exact qualities you need for the job. Obviously, confidence and a cool head. But it's something you either want to do or you're totally against."

"You won't find many players who want to take them. We played in a friendly at St. Mirren and were discussing penalties, and Kenny Dalglish was horrified at the thought of having to take one. And he's a tremendous finisher."

"I like to place my penalties, I'm not the sort of person to whack them. Frannie Lee used to do that and he was very successful, but I've never been able to bring myself to do it."

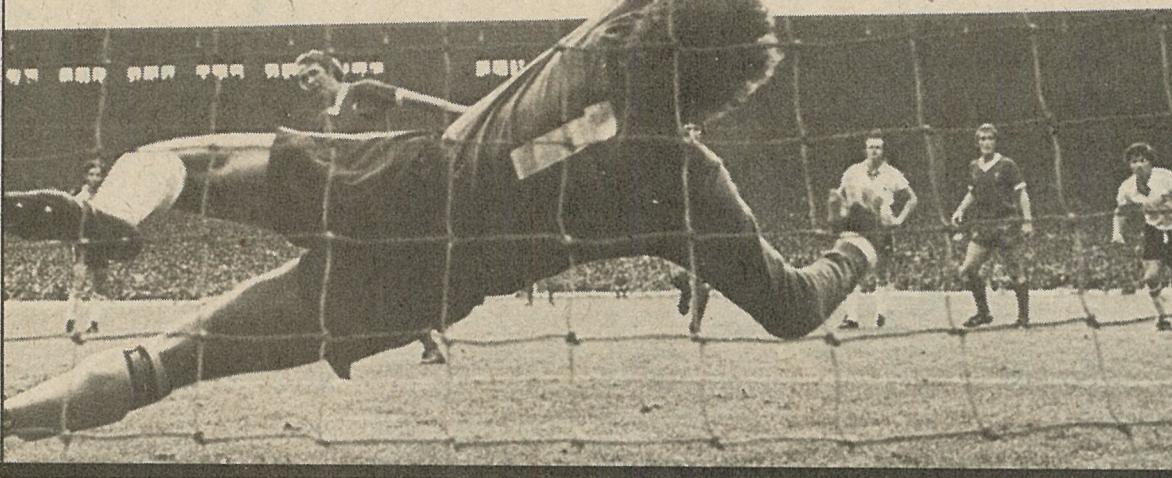
"It's hard being the penalty taker at Liverpool because so many of our games are televised. I know Ray Clemence always notes where players put their spot kicks in TV-games so I'm sure other 'keepers watch mine. Fortunately, I'm able to put them either side."

Neal believes 'keepers invariably move before the ball is kicked these days, but he sympathises with referees.

"It's not easy for them to rule against a 'keeper who has made a good save. And I reckon if you strike the ball cleanly, it will go in — whether he moves first or not."



Liverpool's Phil Neal just beats the outstretched fingers of Spurs' Barry Daines.



SCORING FROM THE SPOT...

'Easy way of scoring'

TREVOR WHYMARK is one of those unusual creatures in top class football — a striker who likes taking penalties.

For some reason, the very people you would think best qualified to crack a ball home from 12 yards — the men who play up-front all the time — are shy of shooting from the penalty spot. Normally, it's a full-back or a midfield man who steps forward.

Says Whymark: "It's true, most strikers don't like taking them. I know my teammate Paul Mariner doesn't. But to me, it's an easy way of getting a goal."

"I only got into the job when our players kept missing them about three years back, so I decided to have a go. As luck would have it, most of mine have been at home so the pressure hasn't been so bad as it might have been."

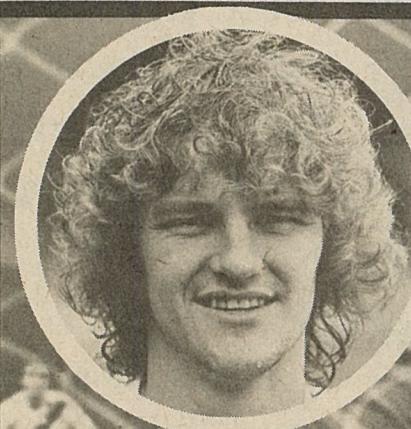
"I usually like to place mine, but there have been occasions where I've blasted them. It depends on my mood."

"Goalkeepers always move before the ball is kicked these days but it doesn't bother me. I think they have to move if they're to have a chance and frankly, it can be to my advantage."

"I normally have something in mind when I run up to take the kick but if he moves, I can always change my mind. I know they say you should never change your mind but you can get away with it."

"Although I've been pretty successful from the spot, if you miss one or two, the decent thing to do is to hand the job over. John Wark is our other spot-kicker."

"Before we play a European tie, we always practise taking penalties in case the result should hinge on that. It's only happened twice — against Leipzig a few years back and v. Barcelona last season. And we lost both."



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EVERTON, totally conscious of their task of catching impressive First Division leaders Liverpool, are expected to dispose of struggling Chelsea at Goodison Park on Saturday.

Last season, Chelsea's visit to Merseyside resulted in a 6-0 thrashing, during which Bob Latchford reached his 30-goal target. But this time, Chelsea's ranks will be strengthened by the inclusion of former Everton favourite, Duncan McKenzie, whose undoubtedly talents have already set Stamford Bridge alight.

McKenzie's knowledge of his old team's tactics plus Everton's knowledge of the extrovert McKenzie, are ingredients which add up to a fascinating match. So when McKenzie and former colleague Martin Dobson got together for a pre-match chat, it resulted in the following revealing Crosstalk.

DOBSON: No doubt you will be out to give a display which will both delight and frustrate the Everton supporters.

McKENZIE: No doubt whatsoever I established a marvellous relationship with the Everton fans. I still miss them. And if I can give them something special to remember me by I would love to do so as a Chelsea player.

DOBSON: I must admit, your relationship with our crowd was something special. I mean they have always had their favourites. Alan Ball came back with Arsenal to a great welcome. If Alex Young had come back on his own he would have probably filled Goodison Park. I have no doubts you will receive the same treatment.

McKENZIE: That is nice to know. But that changes nothing, Martin, I am a Chelsea player now, and my interests and loyalties lie solely with them. I want us to beat Everton more than anything else.

DOBSON: Naturally we are aware of what you can do. Make no mistake, Mike Lyons, or whoever happens to be marking you on Saturday, knows that to allow you the first triumph is dangerous because once your confidence is up, you are a difficult player to shackle. We will be looking out for your tricks on the ball and your ability to do the unexpected.

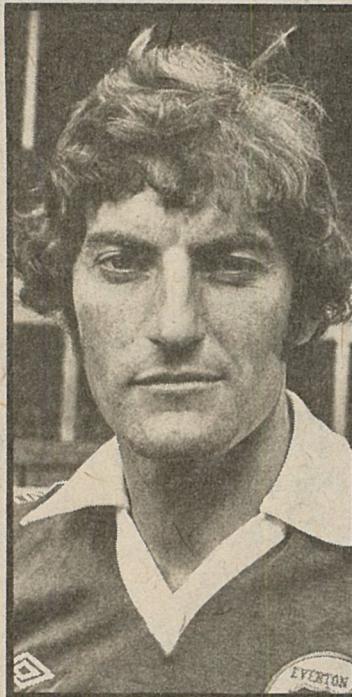
McKENZIE: Fair enough. But that is a problem for you to worry about. It is up to me to produce the goods for Chelsea.

DOBSON: People are already asking how much you know about Everton to be able to help Chelsea to cater for our strengths.

McKENZIE: I don't think that matters too much. All the same people see teams on television so much these days it is simple enough to make notes if you want to. But then the great thing about football is you cannot be absolutely sure about such things. Because if you could then the football pools would be worthless and everyone would be able to predict results.

DOBSON: Well that is fair comment. I suppose you could say the fact we know you are now a Chelsea man makes it important we have something unexpected up our sleeves.

McKENZIE: It amounts to the same thing Martin, that becomes something for us to worry about. All I do know is I have fond memories of



**MARTIN
DOBSON**
(Everton)

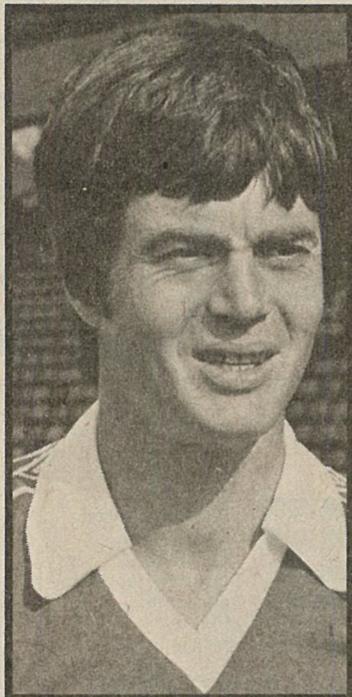
'I should say "welcome home", Duncan. But you know as well as I do your welcome will be restricted to off the field only.'

my time with Everton and great memories of my time playing in front of those amazing supporters.

DOBSON: Yes, it must be nice to go back to your old club and show them what you can do. I have felt that way when playing against Burnley. In fact I have some great memories of playing for Burnley against Chelsea, such



Bob Latchford (light strip) is robbed by Chelsea's Graham Wilkins during last term's clash at Stamford Bridge.



**DUNCAN
McKENZIE**
(Chelsea)

'That is the only way it ever can be, Martin. We both need the points, admittedly for different reasons, but they have the same value'

as moving up from centre-half to centre-forward in the last 15 minutes of a Cup-tie at Stamford Bridge with Burnley losing 2-0. I scored twice in that quarter of an hour and we drew 2-2. These days you do not forget.

McKENZIE: I guess not. But I have travelled around during my career and so it becomes difficult for me

to recall great moments with Nottingham Forest or Leeds United against Everton, although I have no doubt there were some.

DOBSON: Tell me, how is life in London and with Chelsea?

McKENZIE: Marvellous! I am house hunting, I have scored a few goals already and if it had not been for a troublesome arm injury, sustained against West Bromwich Albion, I would have been a regular from the moment I arrived here. The club is young, the majority of the players are young and I believe we can achieve something here very soon.

DOBSON: Well you can hardly accuse Everton of being an old team. Just look at the young self-discovered talent we have coming through as well as the star players, or should I say more established, more experienced players.

McKENZIE: They tell me you have six players up there who can score goals. I will be interested to see who they are.

DOBSON: We do have a strength in that nearly all our outfield players are capable of hitting the back of the net during the season. Plus, of course, we do have Bob Latchford, the most consistent goalscorer in the country.

McKENZIE: Tell me, how are you and the lads keeping. Are you still convinced you have what it takes to break through and win a major honour?

DOBSON: Put it this way, Duncan. At the time of going to Press, we are still in the U.E.F.A. Cup, League Championship hunt, F.A. Cup and Football League Cup from where most of the First Division teams are already ejected.

McKENZIE: I honestly wish you well, especially for the sake of the fans. They deserve some success. And tell Mike Lyons I am ready to give him a game he will long remember.

DOBSON: I am sure Mike will return the compliment, and everyone at Everton wishes you well with Chelsea . . . except on Saturday.

McKENZIE: Naturally, Martin, naturally. But at least I expect to get a cup of tea at Goodison. You can hardly deny an "old boy" that much hospitality.

DOBSON: One lump or two?

McKENZIE: Why? Who is marking me?



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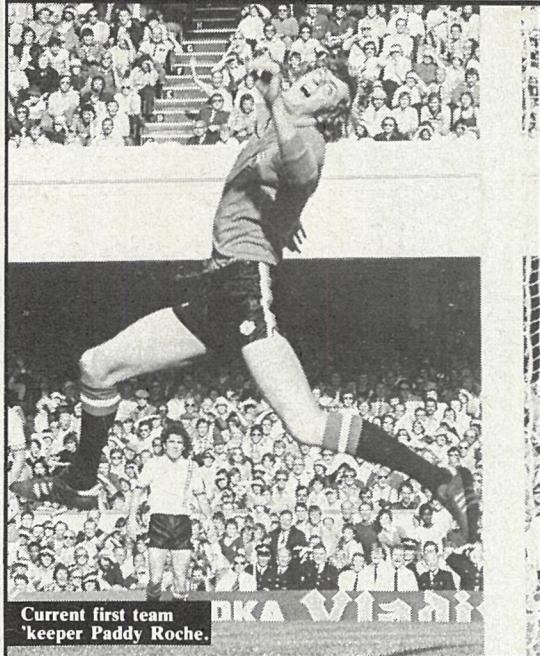
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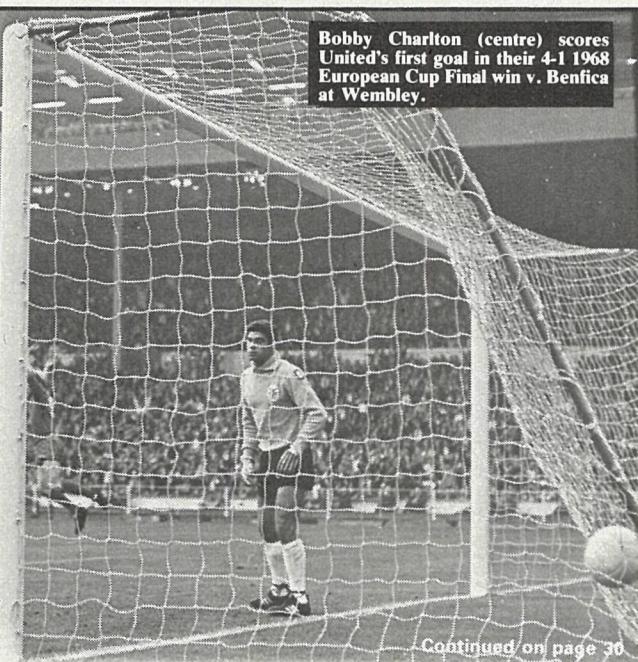
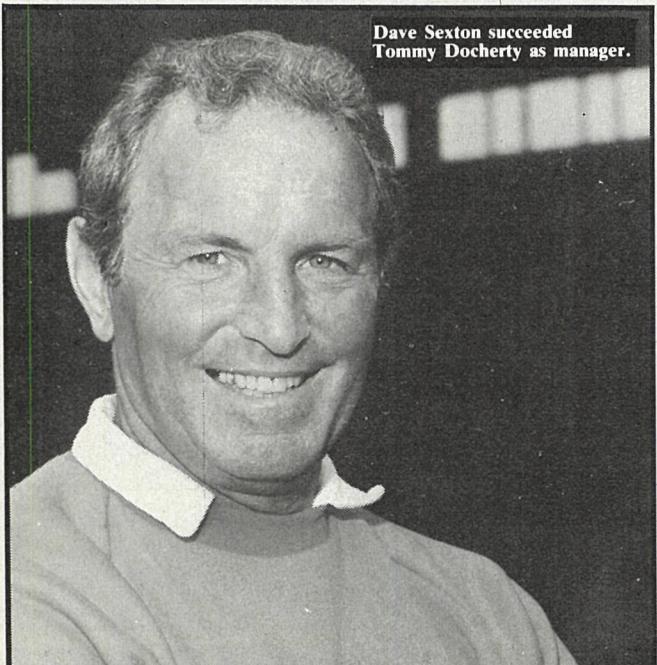
THE 'RED DEVILS' of Old Trafford



Jubilant Manchester United players parade the F.A. Cup to their fans. The Old Trafford club had just beaten Leicester 3-1 in the 1963 Final.



Dave Sexton succeeded Tommy Docherty as manager.



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MANCHESTER



BACK ROW (left to right): Jimmy Greenhoff, Joe Jordan, Stewart Houston, Jimmy Nicholl, Gordon McQueen.

MIDDLE ROW: Tommy Cavanagh (asst-manager), Chris McGrath, Alex Forsyth (on loan to Glasgow Rangers), Brian Greenhoff, Alex Stepney, Paddy Roche, Stuart Pearson, Sammy McIlroy, Ashley

TER UNITED...



Grimes, Dave Sexton (manager), Laurie Brown (physio).
FRONT ROW: Martyn Rogers, David McCreery, Lou Macari, Martin Buchan, Andy Ritchie, Steve
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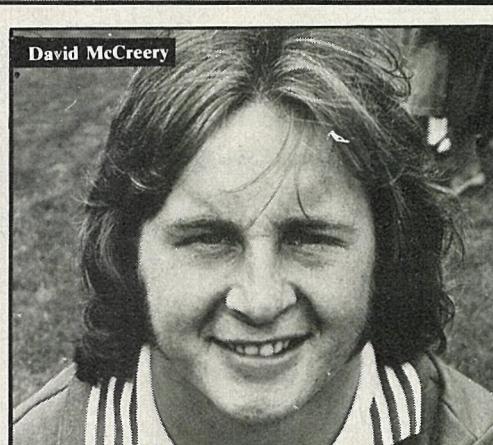
THE 'RED DEVILS' *continued*



Jimmy Greenhoff toe-pokes the ball home against Manchester City this season. The goal was disallowed but United still won 1-0.



Brian Greenhoff



David McCreery



Lou Macari (right) beats Gerry Francis of Q.P.R. to the ball.



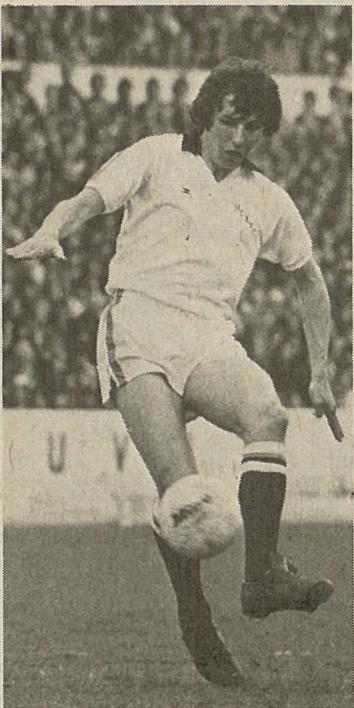
Sammy McIlroy

'Nothing could halt the Hull slide' says full-back ROGER DeVRIES

AT THE end of last season Hull City were relegated to the Third Division after an unbroken Second Division stretch lasting 12 years.

"It was a bitter disappointment," says Roger DeVries, their 28-year-old left-back. What went wrong for Hull City? "Well, John Kaye was the manager for a while and we were pretty steady. We were fairly strong at the back, but we weren't scoring goals."

"All of a sudden we had changes in managers. John Kaye



left and in came Bobby Collins, and we didn't settle down. We got into the habit of losing and we couldn't really lift ourselves. We started sliding and we couldn't do anything about it.

"Ken Houghton is the manager now. He was in the side when I first played. He's not a shouter and a bawler; that's not his style. He's not an aggressive sort of fellow. He's a nice bloke, some might say too nice in some respects. I think he's achieving a good balance really. He's firm and yet he doesn't try and frighten people to death.

"He came in at the tail end of last season and he couldn't really do anything about the club going down. He tried hard, but the writing was already on the wall. This campaign is his great test. He'll always get people ready to

jump on him saying he's one of the boys, an ex-player and this kind of thing.

"He's doing well and we've made a good start, but there's a long way to go. I think there's every indication we can maintain our bright start, and if we can keep away from injuries, who knows?

"Billy Bremner and Peter Daniel left and the new signings are Micky Horswill from Plymouth, John Farley from Wolves and Keith Edwards from Sheffield United.

"They're settling in very well. In our first eight matches Keith scored seven goals and Bruce Bannister isn't far behind with five.

"We're scoring goals, which is nice. Last season we were creating chances, but they weren't going in and this puts pressure on the team. If the defence is sound and you're making chances and they're not going in, then it only takes one slip and you've lost the game. But touch wood, at the moment, we're creating chances and sticking a few of them in, which is good.

"Our style of play varies to suit the opposition. We've got this extra dimension of John Farley now, who gives us some width on the left. He can hold the ball; he's got skill and he can beat players. And Bruce Bannister is very good at getting possession of the ball up-front and holding it. The other thing is we've got Keith Edwards, who is fairly quick. He gives us pace up-front.

"Peterborough knocked us out of the League Cup, but we had some good games with them. They're one of the teams who are fairly strong in the Third Division this season.

'Indication'

"When we played them we thought, well, this team will give us a good indication of how we are going to fare in the League, or at least give us some idea as to the standard of the Third Division.

"We played them three times and I think overall it would be fair to say we had the better of the exchanges, but they just came out on top."

Can Hull bounce back first time round? "I'm not making any predictions whatsoever. All I'm saying is we've had a fine start to the season, which is a good base to work from."

DAVE SMITH AIMS TO MAKE SOCCER HISTORY WITH SOUTHEND

SIR MATT Busby was always expounding the point "Supporters will stand on a rubbish heap to see a good team," and, in a way, he might have had Southend United in mind because their ground at Roots Hall was a Corporation rubbish depot before the club moved there in 1955.

The club now has one of the finest grounds in the lower Divisions and a manager to match in Dave Smith, who hates the word "consolidation". He looks like being the first manager in its history to take the club into the Second Division.

Smith's playing career as a full-back for Burnley, Brighton and Bristol City ended at the age of 29 through the culmination of five broken legs.

Eleven years in the background with Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle and Arsenal merely whetted his appetite to take full charge of a club and at Mansfield, his former club, he gave them their first major trophy in their 44 years history when he led them to the Fourth Division Championship.

Now in his third season with Southend, Dave looked back: "We were in the top four for most of the way through my first season and sort of died the death at the end and finished tenth.

'Policies'

"In the two years the side has undergone quite a transformation, with practically 11 new faces in the side, and I would like to see us go straight up. I hate the word consolidation or words of that nature. I am an optimist and policies like 'evolution not revolution' and 'adopt, adapt, improve' — one of Bertie Mee's old sayings — stand me in good stead.

"I believe we stand a good chance because I think the Third is a Division you can jump out of if you get the right side together.

"We have had a few injuries this term but I never bemoan the fact . . . everyone gets them . . . it's up to us to have people available to take their places."

The strengths of other sides in the Division doesn't bother Smith: "Of what we've seen so far of fifteen teams I think we are capable of living with them quite easily. Three teams have impressed me — Sheffield Wednesday, Carlisle and Hull. They are the ones who could cause us the most problems and may have the best chance of going up."

Getting a settled defence has been Smith's main concern. "Up to now we have never been able to field the same back-four, which is no way for the defence to develop.



We've had the same forwards more or less which is proved by the fact we've got 23 goals (out of 14 games) and let in 16.

"We play an open game. We like to push people forward. The 16 goals against is a worrying factor, but then again, six of them were sheer basic errors whereas the others were cracking goals.

"Loss of form was the main reason for all the changes. Tony Hadley, a young lad, lost his father who was a good man for Tony. Thankfully he has come through it now. He is going to be a very good player. Do you know, we had four right-backs in six games and three centre-halves? Naturally, we've been experimenting a little but I do need another couple of players to put in the squad."

Smith has always been one to put in something like 30,000 miles each season searching for players to add to his 'shopping list'. He nearly signed Munich 1860 midfielder Fritz Bischoff. When he took the whole of his staff to the Sports Club in Cologne on a German coaching course a year ago, he forged a friendship with the 28-year-old Bischoff who has tremendous skills, but in the close season he failed to persuade the player to join Southend.

'Organising'

One player he did sign, in September, was David Cusack from Sheffield Wednesday for £50,000. Smith considers Cusack to be First Division material and in his debut for Southend, ironically against Wednesday, the big centre-half lost no time in organising the back-four.

Smith is a great motivator. He was trainer-coach at Sheffield Wednesday when they got to the F.A. Cup Final in 1966. He was chief-coach at Newcastle when they won the Fairs Cup in 1969 and at the Arsenal, as reserve team-manager, he developed the skills of Brian Hornsby, Liam Brady, David Price and John Matthews. Southend is another link in an impressive career. Famed for its illuminations the town would really get lit-up if Smith gets them into the Second.

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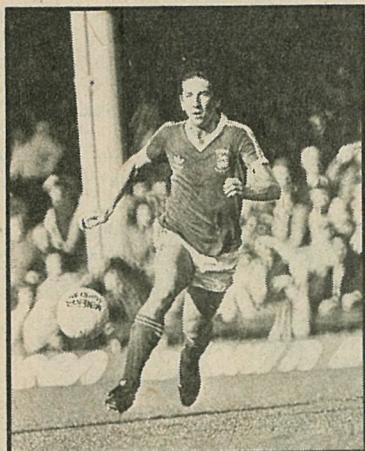
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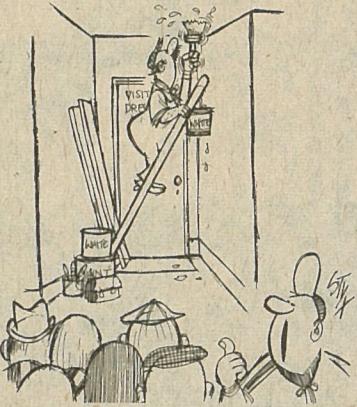
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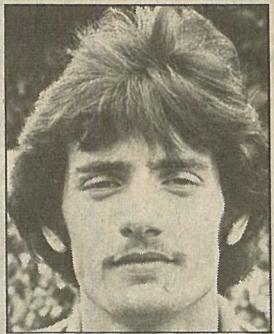
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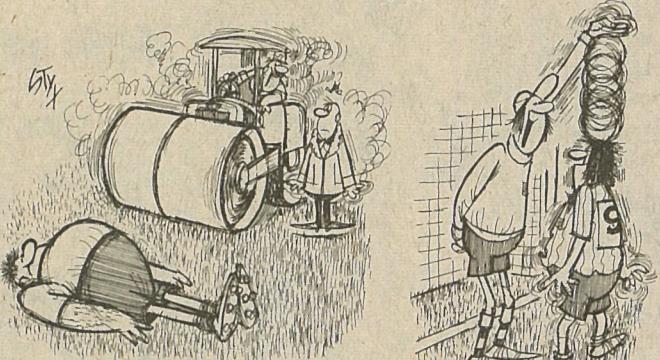
"Visitors' dressing-room? Sure! Door at the end of the corridor under the ladder"



This week West Ham's rising young star ALAN DEVONSHIRE selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



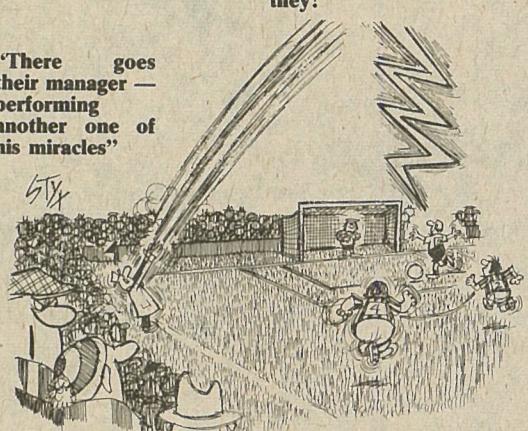
"You never take one of me saving a goal, do you?"



"Your number two iron man wants me to toughen him up a bit for Saturday's needle match, boss!"

"I saw Harlem Globetrotters on telly last night — smashing, aren't they?"

"There goes their manager — performing another one of his miracles"

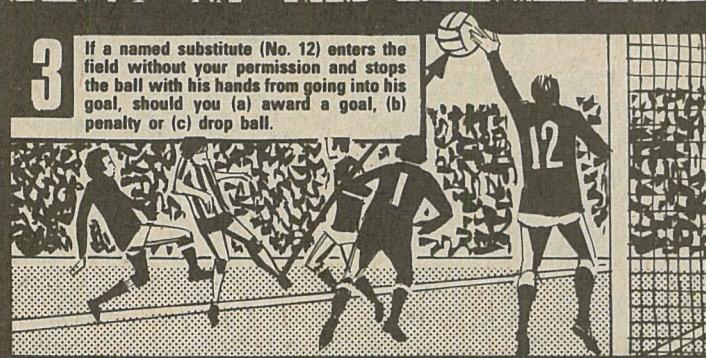


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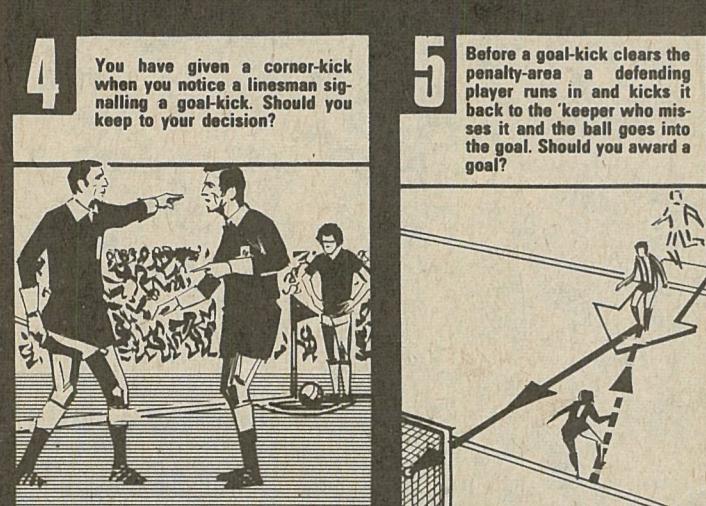
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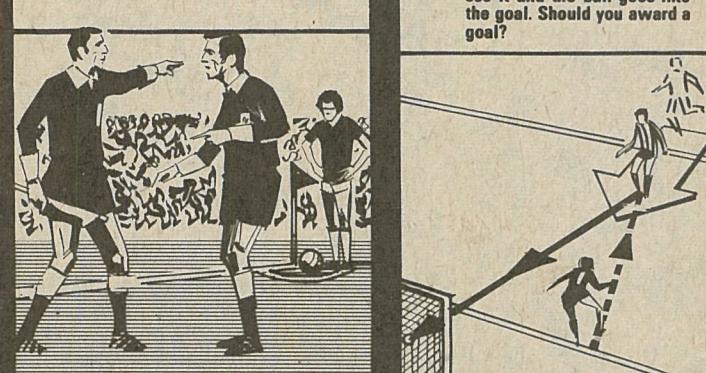
During a game you caution a player. Later, after the match, the player apologises. Can you omit to report the caution?



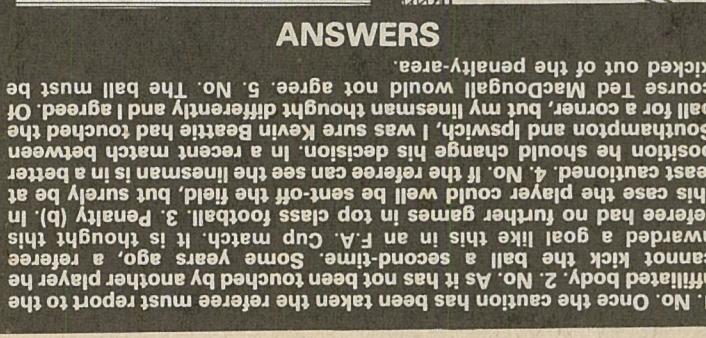
2 A player takes a corner. The ball hits the post and rebounds for him to drive into the back of the net. Should you award a goal?



3 If a named substitute (No. 12) enters the field without your permission and stops the ball with his hands from going into his goal, should you (a) award a goal, (b) penalty or (c) drop ball?



4 You have given a corner-kick when you notice a linesman signalling a goal-kick. Should you keep to your decision?



5 Before a goal-kick clears the penalty-area a defending player runs in and kicks it back to the keeper who misses it and the ball goes into the goal. Should you award a goal?

ANSWERS

1. No. Once the caution has been taken the referee must report to the affiliated body. 2. No. As it has not been touched by another player he cannot be awarded a goal like this in an FA Cup match. It is thought this award would be unfair if the player could well be sent-off for footballing offences. 4. No. If the referee sees the linesman is in a better position he should change his decision. In a recent match between Southampson and Ipswich, I was sure Kevin Beehive had touched the ball for a corner, but my linesman thought differently and I agreed. Of course Ted McDougall would not agree. 5. No. The ball must be kicked out of the penalty-area.

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Oldest Programme

When was the first programme issued at a football match?

DOMINIC PEW,
GLASGOW

● Bit tricky to say for sure, Dominic — but at least I can tell you of the oldest League programme still in existence.

A yellowing, tattered single-sheet programme has been preserved from the game between Preston North End and Derby County on 2nd September, 1893.

It gives only the bare team-list — plus the fact that the referee was a Mr. Fox of Sheffield — and included in Derby's side are two of England's most feared forwards of the time, John Goodall and Steve Bloomer.

But neither could score that day, and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

Stan was the oldest

Can you tell me the year in which Sir Stanley Matthews played his first, and last, League game?

JOHN JOHNSON,
LIVERPOOL

● His first League game was for Stoke in March, 1932, John; his last, for the same club, five days after his 50th birthday in February, 1965.

And that latter game made Matthews the oldest man ever to appear in an English First Division match.

Have a break!

Please settle an argument — how long should the half-time interval be?

EWAN TAIT,
BERWICKSHIRE

● Well, Ewan, Law 7 states: "At half-time the interval shall not exceed five minutes except by consent of the Referee."

Which seems to mean that the ref could get 'em on again in five minutes flat — but, clearly, most follow the spirit of the last few words and allow a little more flexibility.

Bobby Charlton

As a Swedish fan of Manchester United, I'd like to know who's scored the most goals for them?

FREDRIK NOTEBERG,
SWEDEN

● None other than Bobby Charlton, Fredrik.

He scored 198 goals in 606 League games for United between 1956 and 1973 — plus more in Cup and other games — with both his total of goals and games standing as records for the club.

Hird-B

RED-HOT STRIKER...



Great di Stefano

Can you tell me when and where the legendary di Stefano was born, and a few details of his feats?

JASPALS CHADA,
GRAVESEND

● Alfredo di Stefano was born in Buenos Aires on 4th July, 1926, Jaspals. He joined the River Plate club in 1942, and was capped seven times for his native Argentina before moving to Colombia in 1949. He played four games for that country — at this time international qualification was interpreted less strictly — before going to Spain, for whom he gained yet another 31 caps, in 1953.

With the great Real Madrid side of the era, di Stefano won European Cup-winners medals in 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 — when he scored four of Real's seven goals in that Final — and runners-up medals in 1962 and 1964.

During this period, he was voted European Footballer of the Year in both 1957 and 1959. He also won eight League Championship medals — one in Argentina, and seven in Spain. di Stefano scored 23 goals in his 31 games for Spain and, at club level, 428 in 510 games for Real Madrid — including a record 49 in 58 European Cup-ties.

SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool's record victory is 11-0 v. Stromsgodset (Norway) in the European Cup on 17th September, 1974.

(COLIN SPIERS, Musselburgh)

● Bobby Stokes scored Southampton's winning goal against Manchester United in the 1976 F.A. Cup Final.

(ANDREW PRESSDEE, Sydenham)

● The Leeds team which beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1972 F.A. Cup Final was: Harvey, Reaney, Madeley, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jones, Giles, Gray (E.). (Sub. Bates).

(MATTHEW FREED, Wallington)

● Dial Square F.C., formed in 1884, were the short-lived "ancestors" of the present Arsenal club founded two years later.

(DAVID CLARKSON, Fareham)

● Palace's best record in the F.A. Cup was reaching the Semi-Finals in 1975-76; in the League Cup, they've reached the Fifth Round in 1968-69 and 1970-71.

(CRAIG SMITH, Mersham)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

own GOALSCORER
ANDY GRAY

When it comes to scoring goals, Andy Gray has few superiors. And while Percy Thrower may not be much of a striker . . . well, at least Andy tries to keep his garden tidy! Our photographer caught Andy at work in his Sutton Coldfield house, although it appears the most enjoyable part of the afternoon's gardening was the "cuppa" with neighbour and team-mate Tommy Craig.

WITH GREEN FINGERS!



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

(Continued)

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (3) 4 (Archibald 2, Harper pen., Jarvie)

CELTIC (1) 1 (McAdam) 24,000

Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLellan, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Sullivan.

Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Smeeton, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson (Glavin), Provan, Conroy, McAdam, Burns (Lennox), McCluskey.

HEARTS (1) 1 (Gibson)

ST. MIREN (0) 1 (Fitzpatrick) 9,475

Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd, Fraser, McNicholl, Lidell, Tierney (Brown), Robertson (McQuade), Bannon, Gibson, Busby, Prentice.

St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark (Torrance), Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

MORTON (0) 1 (McNeill) 5,500

PARTICK (0) 0 Morton: Connaghan, Ayes, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Miller, Russell, McNeill, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Gibson (Love), Houston, O'Hara, McAdam, Somner, Park.

MOTHERWELL (2) 2 (Clinging, Larnach)

HIBS (1) 3 (Hutchinson, MacLeod pen., Rae) 5,516

Motherwell: Latchford; Shanks (Lindsay), Boyd, Carr, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Fleming (Campbell), Stewart, McNamara, Rae, MacLeod, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Higgins.

RANGERS (0) 1 (McDonald) 27,000

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Kirkwood) Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Miller, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane (Cooper), Johnstone, Smith.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Smith, Sturrock, Addison (Dodds), Kirkwood, Holt.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round)

SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Calvert)

LEEDS (2) 4 (Currie, Gray F., Gray E.) 40,899

Sheff. U: Johns, Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Matthews, Speight, Anderson, Harwood, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

Leeds: Harvey, Stevenson, Cherry, Flynn, Hart, Hampton, Gray (E), Hankin, Gray (F), Currie, Graham.

(Third Round replays)

C. PALACE 0 ASTON VILLA 0 a.e.t. 33,155

Palace: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindiehurst (Walsh), Elwiss, Hilaire.

Villa: Rimmer, Gregory, Williams, Evans, McNaught (Ormsby), Mortimer, Craig, Deehan, Gray, Phillips, Carrodus.

MAN. CITY (0) 3 (Owen 2, 1 pen., Booth) BLACKPOOL (0) 0 26,213

Man. C: Corrigan, Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Kidd, Palmer, Owen, Fletcher (R), Hartford, Barnes.

Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson, Spence, Davidson, Hockaday.

SWINDON (0) 0 PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Styles, Doyle) a.e.t. 7,674

Swindon: Ogden, Trollope, Ford, McHale, Lewis (Miller), Stroud, Kamara, Carter, Aizlewood, Bates, Cunningham.

Peterborough: Waugh, Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Carmichael, McEwan, Butler, Anderson, Robson.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Owen)

TORQUAY (0) 0 2,507

Doncaster: Peacock, Reed, Hemsley, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbin (Cox), Lewis, Owen, French, Laidlaw.

Torquay: Turner, Twitchin, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Raper.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round second-leg)

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clark)

ABROATH (2) 2 (McKenzie, Yule)

Airdrie: Poulton, Jonquin, Lapsley, Clark, Goldthorpe, McKeown, McGuire, Walker, Black, Anderson, McCann (Henderson).

Abroath: Lister, Follen, Rylance, Cargill, Wells (Carson), Fettes, Fletcher, McKenzie, Gavine, Kidd, Yule.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round replay)

READING (1) 1 (Hetzke)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

Rotherham: McAlister, Pugh, Breckin, Finey, Green, Forrest, Dawson, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round, second-leg)

ABERDEEN (5) 7 (Harper 4, 1 pen., Kennedy, Rougvie, Sullivan)

HAMILTON (1) 1 (Fairley)

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McLellan, Rougvie (Simpson), McLeish, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper, Fleming, Scanlon (Strachan).

Hamilton: Ferguson, Grant, Kellachan, Fairley, Dempsey, Alexander, Young (McDowell), Graham, Howie, Glavin, Reilly (Wright).

AVR (0) 1 (Crammond)

FALKIRK (0) 1 (McRoberts)

Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Kelly, McColl, McAllister, McSherry, McCall, McLaughlin, Masterton, Crammond, Christie.

Falkirk: McNeil, Johnston, Stevenson, Hay, Hamilton, Brown, Perry, Hogan, McRoberts, McCallan, Mitchell.

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McCormack, pen.)

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Stewart)

Clydebank: Hunter, Gervaise (Brown), Abel, Hall, McCormack, Fanning, McDougall, Hutton, Miller, Given, Colgan.

Hibs: McDonald, Duncan, Smith, Rae, Fleming, Stewart, McNamara, Campbell, McLeod, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Higgins.

MONTROSE (2) 5 (Lowe, pen., Livingstone, Hair, Robb, Miller)

RAITH (1) 1 (Wallace)

Montrose: Gorman, Lowe, Darcy (B), Ford, Darcy (D), Johnston, Livingstone, Hair, Geeson (Robb), Walker, Miller.

Raith: McDermott, Houston, Candlish, Forsyth, Taylor, McFarland, Wallace, Urquhart, Harrow, Murray, Forrest.

MORTON (1) 5 (Scott 2, Orr, Thomson, Ritchie)

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (McDicken, Welsh)

5,000 Morton: Connaghan, Hayes, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Miller, Russell, McNeill, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

Kilmarnock: McColl, Welsh, Robertson, Jardine, Clarke, McDicken, Doherty, McDowell, Bourke, Maxwell, McLean.

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Pettigrew)

CELTIQUE (2) 4 (McAdam 2, Aitken, Lennox)

Motherwell: Latchford, Carr, Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, Clinging, Lindsay.

Celtic: Latchford, Filippi, Burns, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Conroy, McAdam, Glavin, Conn (Lennox).

ST. MIREN 0

RANGERS 0

16,000 St. Mirren: Thomson, Young (Torrance),



Aston Villa's John Gregory scored both goals in his side's 2-2 home draw v. Manchester United.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

THIRD DIVISION

LINCOLN 0

COLCHESTER 0

Lincoln: Turner, Guest, Leigh, Cockerill, Wigington, Cooper, McCalliog, Sunley, Tynan, Watson, Harding (Hobson).

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Evans, Gough, Dyer, Wright, Allinson.

TRANMERE (1) 6 (Moore 3, Bramhall, O'Neil pen., Peplow)

CHESTER (1) 2 (Edwards, Mellor)

Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewaite, Evans, O'Neil, Bramhall, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

Chester: Lloyd, Nickeas, Raynor, Storto, Jeffries, Phillips, Delgado, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Walker (Jones).

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Paterson)

CREWE (1) 1 (Davies)

1,919 Darlington: Burleigh, Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Paterson, Seal, Probert (Crosson) Wann.

Crewe: Caswell, Bevan, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Wilkinson, Davies, Purdie, Coyne, Nelson, Wilshaw.

STOCKPORT 0

BARNESLEY 0

Stockport: Rogan, Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Henson, Armstrong, Bradd, Summerbee, Lee.

Barnsley: Springett, Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley, Millar, Peachey (Joicey).

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Gregory 2)

MAN. UTD (0) 2 (McIlroy, Macari)

36,204 Villa: Rimmer, Gidman, Williams, Phillips, McNaught, Gregory, Craig, Deehan, Gray, Young, Carroll.

Man. U: Roche, Alston, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Grimes.

BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Ritchie pen.)

NOTTM FOREST (2) 3 (Birtles, Robertson 2 pens.)

26,953 Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Gillies (Whitehead), Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Mabbatt.

Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, O'Hare, Robertson.

CHELSEA (0) 4 (Langley, Swain, Walker, Allardey o.g.)

BOLTON (3) 3 (Gowling 2, Worthington pen.)

19,879 Chelsea: Iles, Hay, Stride, Harris, Wicks, Lewington, Britton, Stanley (Walker), Langley, Wilkins (R), Swain.

Bolton: McDonagh, Jones (P), Burke, Allardey, Walsh, Greaves, Morgan, Reid, Gowling (Whatmore), Worthington, Smith.

IPSWICH (0) 0

EVERTON (1) 1 (Latchford)

22,676 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Talbot (Brazil), Osman, Hunter, Wark, Muhen, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

Everton: Wood, Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas (Nulty).

LEEDS (1) 1 (Stevenson)

W.B.A. (1) 3 (Brown, T. Regis 2)

25,931 Leeds: Harvey, Stevenson, Cherry, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Gray (F), Currie, Graham.

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham (Johnson), Cunningham, Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Robson, Regis, Brown (A), Brown (T).

LIVERPOOL (1) 5 (Johnson, Kennedy, R. 2, Dalglish 2)

47,475 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, Johnson, Souness.

Derby: Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Daly, McCaffrey, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Caskey, George (Nish), Clark.

MAN. CITY (0) 2 (Owen 2 pens.)

COVENTRY (0) 0

36,723 Man. C: Corrigan, Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Kidd, Palmer, Owen, Fletcher (R), Hartford, Barnes.

Coventry: Sealey, Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hunt.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Peters o.g., Mills)

NORWICH (0) 0

18,203 Middlesbrough: Stewart, Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Mills, Ashcroft, Burns, Armstrong.

Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Robb (Downes), Paddon, Peters.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (MacDougall)

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Goddard)

22,803 Southampton: Genoe, Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, MacDougall, Boyer, Holmes, Curran (Sealy).

Q.P.R.: Parkes, Shanks, Gillard (Goddard), Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Eastoe, Busby, Harkouk, Bowles, McGee.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Ainscow o.g.)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

41,230 Tottenham: Daines, Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hodder, Taylor.

Birmingham: Montgomery, Tarantini, Dennis, Dillon (Broadhurst), Gallagher, Pendrey, Page, Ainscow, Givens, Emmanuel, Barrowclough.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves)

ARSENAL (0) 0

19,664 Wolves: Pierce, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Braizer, McAlle, Hibbit, Clarke (Rafferty), Arkwright, Eves, Daley.

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland (Stead), Stapleton, Walford, Rix.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN 0

LUTON 0

7,450 Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley (Waddington), Fazakerley, Brotherston, Fowler, Craig, Radford, Birchall.

Luton: Aleksic, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Price, Stein, West, Fuccillo, Hatton, Moss.

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (Ryan 2, Horton)

FULHAM (0) 0

24,606 Brighton: Moseley, Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrence, Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

Fulham: Peyton, Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.

LEICESTER (0) 0
CHARLTON (2) 3 (Flanagan 2, Brisley) 14,278
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly, Weller (Henderson), Kember, Christie, Williams, Hughes.

Charlton: Wood; Berry, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Shaw, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Gritt.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Seasman)

SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Calvert) 6,342
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Gale, Kitchener, Tagg, Towner, Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Pearson.

Sheff. U: Connroy; Franks, Calvert, Kenworthy, Matthews, Speight, Anderson, Harwood, Finnieston, Sabella (Stainrod), Hamson.

NOTTS CO (0) 2 (Vinter, O'Brien pen.)

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (White) 8,646
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Baker, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, White, Randall (Clarke), Lythgoe.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Taylor 2)

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Robson 2) 10,143
Oldham: McDonald; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Gardner.

West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley (McDowell), Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Mayo, Greasham)

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Buchanan, Stevens) 6,064
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen (Chiedozie), Coates.

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Roberts, Campbell (Pethard), Ponting, Larmour, Grapes, Buchanan, Stevens, Evans, Lewis.

PRESTON (1) 2 (Haslegrave, Thomson)

C. PALACE (0) 3 (Walsh 2, Elwiss) 10,795
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomson, Bruce.

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Walsh, Elwiss, Hilaire.

STOKE (2) 3 (Richardson, Kendall, Irvine)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Ingham) 18,437
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Johnson, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Smith, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Greenwood)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Withe) 35,405
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Elliott, Chisholm (Greenwood), Brown, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly, Brownlie, Mitchell, Bird, Barton, Suggett, Walker, Withe, Hibbit, Connolly.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Thomas, Whittle)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 9,807
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Whittle, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton (Dwyer), Sutton, McNeil, Lyons, Cartwright.

Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Graham, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (2) 3 (Gregory, Beamish, Ritson)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Flavell) 4,306
Bury: Morris; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Hamstead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

Chesterfield: Tingay; Hunter, Burton, Flavell (Cammack), Cottam, Prophett, Tatt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Walker.

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Crabbe pen; Jolley)

HULL (0) 0 5,460
Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong (Jolley), Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Dobson, Horswill, Haigh, Galvin, Lord, Edwards, Banister, Farley.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Martin)

WALSALL (0) 3 (Buckley 2, Austin) 6,066
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Miller (Allen), Saxby (M), McClelland, Saxby (G), Moss, Phillips, Goodwin, Martin.

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Harrison, Sbragia, Serella, King, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Buckley, McDonough.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson)

OXFORD (1) 1 (Seacole) 5,472
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Carmichael, (Slough), McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Watson, Bodel, McIntosh, Jeffrey, Duncan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Bason)

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Atkins) 9,901
Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Megson, Foster, Clarke, Silkman, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Johnson.

Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Lindsay, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.

SHEFF. WED. 0

CARLISLE 0 10,980
Sheff. W: Bolder (Rushbury); Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury (Owen), Smith, Pickering, Wyld, Porterville, Leman, Johnson, Hornsby.

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Ludlam, Hamilton.

SOUTHEND (2) 4 (Yates, Fell 2, Pountney)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 6,374
Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cussack, Moody, Fell, Pountney, Hadley, Dudley, Morris.

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Sudaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson, Spence, Davidson, Hockaday (Weston).

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Toshack)

EXETER (0) 0 10,957
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Toshack, Moore, James, Charles, Waddle, Callaghan.

Exeter: O'Keeffe; Templeman, Hore (Holman), Randell, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Bates)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 4,476
Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland (Gilchrist), Bates, Kamara.

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin (Smith), Stancliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Dawson.

WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins, Blissett)

BRENTFORD (0) 0 15,180
Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrub, Kruse, Booker, Carlton, Graham (J), Frost, McCulloch, Phillips.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Shanahan)

HARTEPOOL (0) 1 (Brooks) 2,968



Frank Kopel hit the only and winning goal for Dundee United against Celtic.

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman (Kearns), Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Green)

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Scaffe) 2,873
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lyons, Cooper (Coffill), Murphy, Raper.

Rochdale: Felgate; Hallows, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Price, Hilditch, Esser, O'Loughlin.

WIGAN (0) 1 (Ward)

DONCASTER (0) 0 5,788
Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Brownbill, Purdie.

Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Hemsley, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbin, Lewis (Cox), Owen, French, Laidlaw.

WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Leslie 2, Cork)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Wigg) 3,808
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galvin, Donaldson, Galliers, Leslie, Denny, Knowles, Cork, Parsons.

Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Cuzczman, Grimes, Pilling, Wigg, Kilmore, Kavanagh.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Kopel)

CELTIC (0) 0 17,700
Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Smith, Sturrock, Payne, Kirkwood, Addison.

Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Burns, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson (Mackie), Provan, Connroy, McAdam, Conn (McCluskey), Lennox.

HEARTS 0

RANGERS 0

Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd, Jeffries, McNicoll, Liddell, Fraser, Robertson, Bannon, Gibson (McQuade), Busby, Prentice.

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane (Cooper), Johnstone, Smith.

MORTON (0) 1 (Ritchie pen.)

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Pettigrew, Lindsay pen.) 6,000
Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, Orr, Miller (Evans), Russell (Rae), McNeill, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

Motherwell: Rennie; Shanks, Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, Clinging (Lindsay), Wilson.

PARTICK (1) 2 (O'Hara 2)

HIBS (1) 1 (Higgins) 7,500
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, (Anderson), Marr, Houston, Melrose, O'Hara, Somner, Park.

Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Rae, Stewart, McNamara, Campbell, McLeod, Hutchinson (Temperley), Callachan, Higgins.

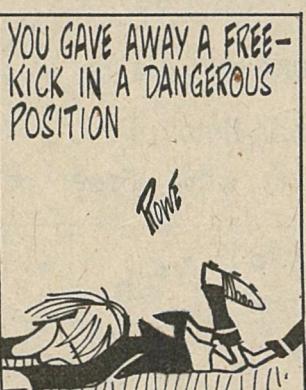
ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Bone, McGarvey)

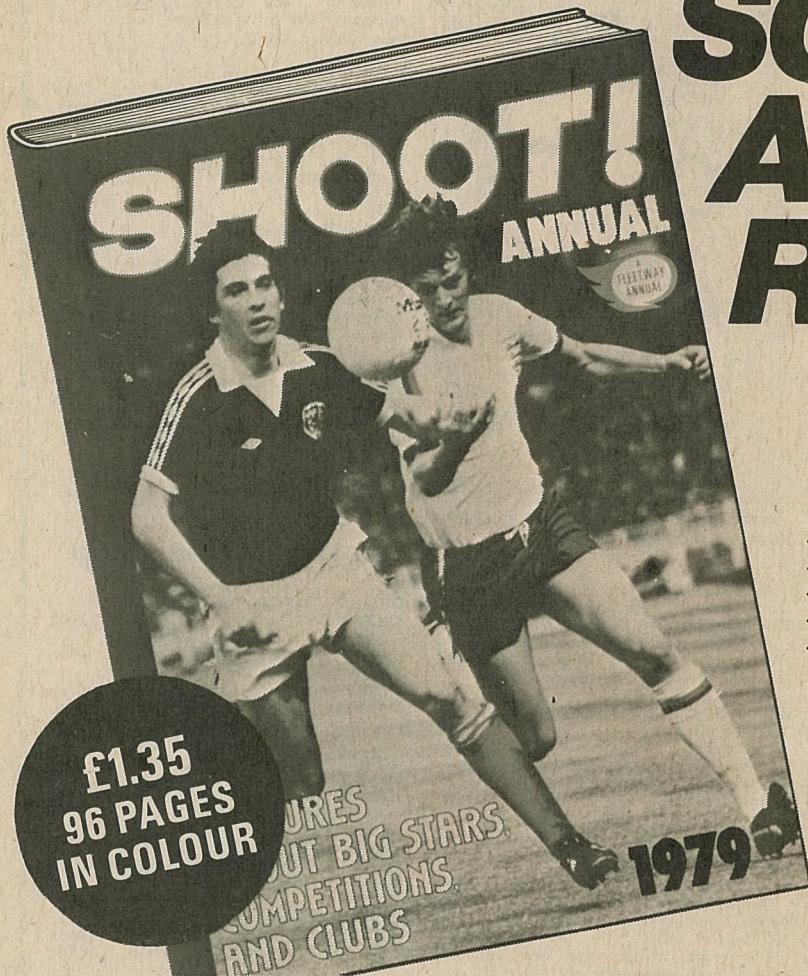
ABERDEEN (0) 0 12,000
St Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLellan (Rougvie), McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Strachan (Scanlon), Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Sullivan.

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'HONESTLY, Notts County will get results' declares manager Jimmy Sirrel



MENTION Nottingham to most people and ask them to come up with names they associate with the place and they'll say Robin Hood and Brian Clough and then they'll scratch their heads and be lost for a third name.

We will give you a name — Jimmy Sirrel. Its owner, when he reads this, will be the first to protest, but then his self-effacing character, his love of football and the hard work he gives to the oldest club in the Football League is why we nominate him.

The club he manages — Notts County — was formed in 1862 and

was one of the original 12 clubs when the Football League was launched in 1888. The last time they saw action in the First Division was in 1926 when they were relegated with Manchester City.

It will surprise many to learn that less than 800 yards, and that includes the River Trent, is all that separates Jimmy Sirrel and Notts County from Brian Clough and Nottingham Forest.

Last season, when Clough was winning the First Division Championship, Sirrel was wrestling his side away from the Second Division's relegation zone. He made it and looks like leading them to better fortunes.

Clough's style is known throughout the world. His success with Derby County and Nottingham Forest and his TV 'performances' have won him deserved acclaim. When comparing the two managers it isn't a matter of one being an extrovert and the other an introvert. Sirrel is as unique as Clough. He can be exceptionally courteous and he can be as brusque as his counterpart across the river.

As a 'boy' Sirrel worked in a carpet factory and then went on to

play for Glasgow Celtic, Bradford Park Avenue, Brighton and Aldershot. As a manager his clubs have been Brentford, Notts Co and Sheffield United.

His zest for the game hasn't waned over the years. "It's my life . . . I love all the aspects of it . . . it's a tremendous way of earning a living. Everything is continually changing . . . different situations arise and they have got to be dealt with. I like the job — I can accept defeat, but I can never enjoy being beaten."

Big money has never been at his disposal and, even if it had been, his whole approach to the game — "I am responsible to the directors and I never forget that," — would undoubtedly have stopped him breaking any records in the transfer market. At County he paid out £45,000 to Manchester United, in 1974, for Ray O'Brien and, when at Sheffield United, the same sort of ceiling figure got him Ian Hamilton from Aston Villa.

He sold Don Masson to Queens Park Rangers in 1974 for £100,000 and got him back a short while ago for £30,000.

It was obvious Notts were

delighted to have their favourite manager back when Sheffield United released him with a golden handshake estimated to be in the region of £13,000. Sirrel modestly put it this way: "they came along when I was out of work and asked me if I would take over — I said yes."

Last season County finished in 14th place with 38 points. It was a near thing, but then Sirrel had taken over when they had only got four points from nine games.

It has been over 50 years since the oldest League club were in the First Division. If they go back with Sirrel they will go back with respect. He expects all his players to be honest.

"Of course, whatever one might say, we are in the entertainment business. And we are also in the competitive business. Entertainment will only bring in the spectators if you are winning. It's a difficult thing to analyse, but if your players are honest, and are 100 per centers, then the supporters will recognise this and they'll come along. They'll give and take. Get the results and they will fill the ground."

Guid luck tae ye, Jimmy.

Why Elton John almost quit the pop world for full-time football

WHEN Elton John first took over as Watford chairman, the reaction in opposition directors' boxes ranged from disbelief to disgust. Those who didn't openly abuse him simply ignored him instead.

He can afford to laugh about it now. "I had pink hair and went around in eight-inch heels, so I had to expect some reaction. Now I always wear a suit on match days.

"Footballers always turn up looking smart for matches and I wouldn't like them or anyone else in the club to suffer ridicule because of the way I look."

It's not just a more sober dress style that has melted the prejudice of John's fellow directors up and down the country.

They realise he's not just a pop superstar using the name of Watford to promote himself, and he's proved himself a shrewd administrator.

"I didn't know anything about running a football club when I first

came here but now, I think I understand a fair bit. People like Graham Taylor and Bertie Mee have taught me an awful lot and what pleases me most is we've managed to get things right behind the scenes.

"The trouble with me is I'm so ambitious, I want everything done right away. I know we can't expect to go straight up into the First Division in the next two years and if we managed that, I'm not even sure we'd be ready for it.

"But if I didn't believe we could get to the top in the end, I wouldn't bother to carry on. Ideally, I'd like to see us develop the professionalism of Liverpool, the facilities of Aston Villa and the organisation of Coventry."

He's currently planning a move for Watford to a new, 40,000 all-seater stadium with synthetic turf and multi-sporting facilities for public use.

"One of my biggest beefs about football clubs is the waste of the stadiums. They're used once a fort-

night for matches, and the rest of the time you're paying the bills without getting anything back. In Europe, there are nearly always sports facilities for public use, which bring in the money and creates an interest in the club.

"We still haven't made a final decision about the stadium but we will have to make up our minds soon."

Elton hardly missed a match last season, at times hiring helicopters to whisk him to away grounds in time for kick-off.

Now, with the club doing well in Division Three, he is even more involved.

"Watford Football Club is the most important thing in my life right now. In fact, last year I was seriously considering giving up singing altogether in order to concentrate full time on my job as chairman.

"I was absolutely fed up with the music business and getting involved with people in football, who

tend to be much more down to earth, did me good.

"I realise now music will always be very important to me. And Watford know I have to go off and do my own thing in order to earn my money.

"But the club comes first. People have asked me 'why Watford?' Well, I was born just down the road in Pinner and I used to stand on the terraces as a kid. I didn't even know what a director was in those days.

"They're my local team and there's no other club in the country that could give me as much satisfaction.

"The only regret since I've taken over is I'm not as close to the players anymore. They used to give me a lot of stick and I enjoyed it. But Graham Taylor insists they call me Mr Chairman and he's right, of course, when he says there should be some decorum. But I've never got quite used to that title."

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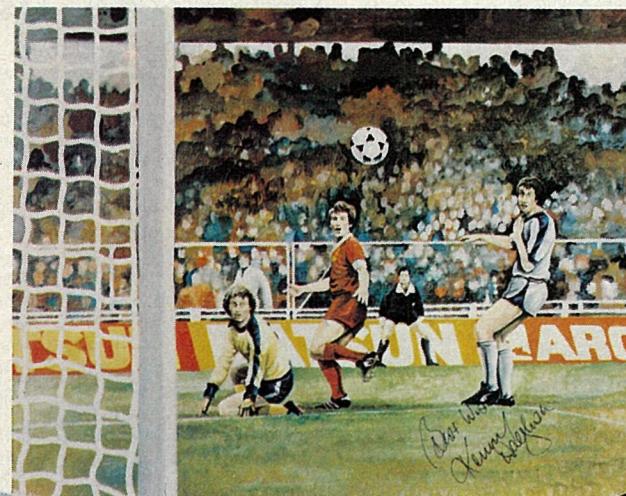
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Arnold (right) and Kevin Beattie
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ARNOLD MÜHREN

IPSWICH TOWN

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BIRTHPLACE: Volendam
BIRTHDATE: 2nd June, 1951
HEIGHT: 5ft. 10ins.
WEIGHT: 11st.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Volendam, Ajax and F.C. Twente
MARRIED: Yes to Geerie
CHILDREN: Two, Arjan two-and-a-half and Claudia one-year-old
CAR: Simca 1308 GT
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ajax
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Johan Neeskens
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The Real Madrid v. Benfica European Cup Final in Amsterdam
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for Ajax against

Feyenoord. Being married and the birth of my children
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being selected for the last 22 of Holland's World Cup squad for Argentina
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti and Chinese food
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Being happy and healthy, winning and playing football and tennis
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: People who never keep their word and those who arrive late
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Kenny Everett Video Show and most sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John, Wings, Sailor and Fleetwood Mac
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Steve

McQueen, Charles Bronson, Clint Eastwood and Jacqueline Bisset
BEST FRIENDS: Mother, father, wife and children
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents and my wife because they have always encouraged me
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Being injured, losing and inconsistent referees
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two caps for Holland
PERSONAL AMBITION: For my family and myself to be healthy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with Ipswich Town
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A tennis player
WHICH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Paul McCartney and John Lennon

HAS BOOTS, DOES TRAVEL

WHEN Bobby Gould signed on the dotted line for Hereford United in the middle of September for £10,000, he was putting the seal on what was no less than the ninth move of his career.

Bobby started life with Coventry, before moving to Arsenal, Wolves, West Bromwich Albion, Bristol City, West Ham, Wolves again and Bristol Rovers.

So it was fairly obvious what our first question to him would be. 'Will Hereford be your last port of call, or are you looking to move into double figures?'

"Well, my dad's a great fan of SHOOT!, and he especially looks forward to reading about his dad, so I might have to keep going, just to keep him happy," said Bobby, his straight face then giving way to a wide grin.

A typical display of humour from one of the game's most genuine characters.

"No. Seriously though, I just don't know. For me, football is all about taking up fresh challenges. And who knows when another tempting offer is going to come along."

Bobby admits an important consideration in his decision to leave Second Division Bristol Rovers and join Hereford in the Fourth, was the fact his old Wolves pal, Mike Bailey, had just taken over the reins at Edgar Street.

"Mike and I are two of a kind," explained Bobby. "We both have a lot in common, not least of all the way we think the game ought to be played.

Management

"We used to sit for ages while we were together at Molineux, talking about the game, and what we'd do, if and when either of us went into management.

"We often joked the first one in the hot seat, would give the other a job. Now that has become a reality.

"I was especially pleased when Mike said he didn't just want me as a player. He wanted me to effectively fill the role of assistant-manager, sharing the coaching and tactical planning with him.

"In fact, I'm now engaged in a similar sort of role to the one I had hoped would materialise at Rovers," Gould went on.

"There, Bobby Campbell used to let me take the first hour of training, before he took over himself.

"But Bobby also had Bill Dodgin Snr. with him, and it soon became obvious to me there wasn't room for the three of us."

On the field, Bobby is once again being used in his natural role as an out and out striker.

"And I couldn't be happier about it," he said. "I was often used in a right-sided midfield role at Eastville. But scoring goals always was my business — and still is.

"I pride myself on the fact I've hit the back of the net consistently over the years, and I still feel very



BOBBY GOULD

confident in my own ability. In fact, if I got the chance, I'm certain I could be a success in the First Division again.

"But right now I'm just hoping my goals will help this club to start climbing again."

Bobby has spent the last two summers in Norway, taking charge of Third Division side Aalsund. And he was particularly pleased this time, under his guidance, they won their own particular Divisional Championship in fine style.

"I've really enjoyed myself out there," Bobby said. "Being given the chance to take charge of a club, even if it is only for an 18 game season, has been a tremendous experience for me.

"Ultimately, I'd like to become a soccer boss over here, of course.

"I've come close once or twice already, you know.

"I turned down the Newport job when it was offered to me. Then I made the short list of three for another Third Division outfit. And also said 'No' to an assistant-manager's job, because that particular club wanted me to quit playing.

"I admire players who stay with one club all their career," he said. "But that's not for me.

"Don't get me wrong. I'm not for a minute treating loyalty lightly. I've always given 100-per-cent dedication and effort to every club I've played for.

"With hindsight, the only change I'd make is I wouldn't lumber myself with so much commuting.

"I bought a house just outside Bristol, when I was with City, and continued to live there, even when I went to West Ham, followed by my second spell with Wolves. Travelling backwards and forwards most days, I reckon I must have clocked up more miles than Dr. Who.

"I've had some terrific times. The early days at Coventry under Jimmy Hill were tremendous. And going to London to play for Arsenal was a real education.

"But deep down I will always have a special place in my heart for West Ham.

"Ron Greenwood and John Lyall had a profound effect on me with their coaching ideas, and all round football philosophy.

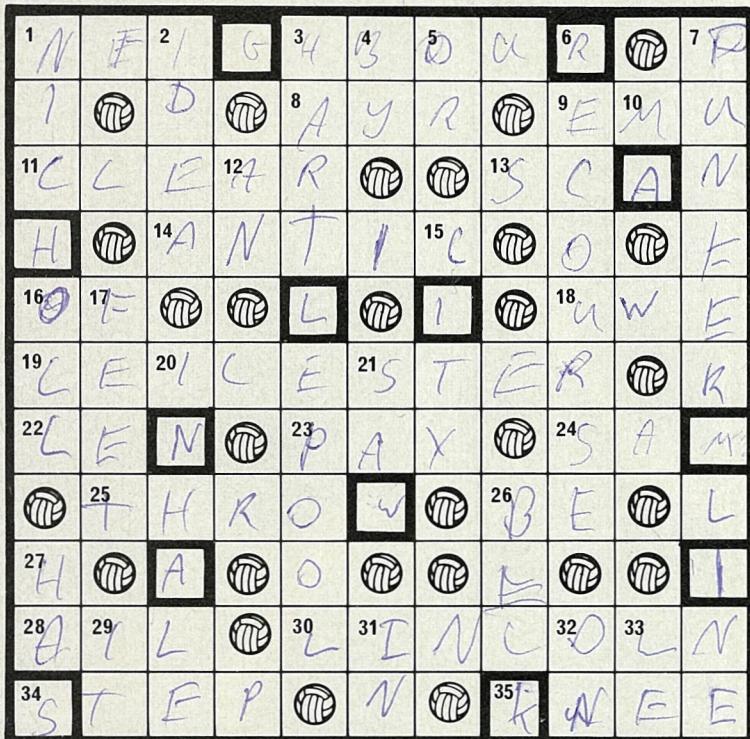
"It's their teachings I took to Norway with me.

"Now I'm hoping for similar success here, because Mike shares the same ideas as myself.

"The pair of us have both been winners in the past, and we're determined to become winners again."

So far the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Chelsea defender. Answers on page 50.



ACROSS:

- Jimmy —, Norwich winger.
- some Park, home of Middlesbrough.
- Arnold --hr-n (Ipswich). Bird from the missing letters.
- Unobstructed; as a — view of goal.
- Peruse from four letters found in Newcastle.
- nad--e Park (Dundee United). "Trick" from the omissions.
- Dino Z--f, Italian World Cup star.
- Seeler, former famous centre-forward for West Germany.
- City. Club from Filbert Street.
- Shackleton; former famous name with Newcastle United.
- Hand over money — for admission to the ground, for instance.
- Bartram appeared in goal for Charlton Athletic a League total of 583 times.
- (25 & 31 Down) A player cannot be offside when this is taken.
- nitez; Spanish World Cup player.
- M-rse-l-e, French League club.
- The Red Imps from Sincil Bank — City.
- Alex ---ney of Manchester United.
- The Patella is its "cap".

DOWN:

- Chris —, Southampton defender.
- Take four letters from Anfield Road for a notion.
- United; Fourth Division club from Victoria Ground.
- Rug-- Park, ground of The Killie.
- P-tadown; Irish League club.
- Resorting to possible source of help.
- Scottish Second Division club from East End Park.
- Russell Os--n of Ipswich Town.
- Fr--z Beckenbauer. West German international.
- Following of Stoke and Cardiff, for instance.
- A soccer player must look after them with care.
- Take air into the lungs.
- Legia War---; European club.
- John —, Fulham's recent signing.
- Ron --rr-- of Chelsea.
- Peter W--he of Newcastle United.
- See 25 Across.
- L--don Road Ground, Peterborough United.
- Rochda--, Fourth Division club from Scotland.

Teofilo Cubillas

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Let's face it — the skills of Peruvian midfielder Teófilo Cubillas shouldn't have come as a surprise to any of us, least of all the Scotland players. After all, he scored five times for Peru in the 1970 World Cup! And his five more in Argentina this year put him in fifth place in the World Cup all-time scoring chart, behind Müller (14 goals), Fontaine (13), Pelé (12) and Kocsis (11). His World Cup performance against Scotland astounded the soccer world simply because in the eight years between Mexico and Argentina, the name of Teófilo Cubillas simply hadn't been in the news at all!

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PART of the explanation is the 29-year-old chocolate-coloured midfielder with the toothy smile is a quiet unassuming man.

"I was only 21 when I played in Mexico, and afterwards I simply went back to my club, Alianza Lima, and stayed there 'till 1973. Then I decided as a footballer and as a human being, a spell in Europe would be a good experience.

"So when Swiss club FC Basle made enquiries I jumped at the chance. And it certainly was quite an experience! I only stuck it for five months! For me having to play in snow was a terrible experience, because my ball skills were of no use at all. I'd have probably played better on skis!"

"Anyway, my next stop was FC Porto in Portugal, where I had three very successful years. What happened is Portuguese football isn't a force in Europe so much these days, and my name disappeared from the news.

"After three years, I decided I wanted to go back to Peru, but Porto didn't want to let me go, and in the end the Peruvian government paid £110,000 to transfer me back to Alianza."

Obviously in Peru, the name of Teófilo Cubillas hadn't lost any of its glitter during his absence. "No, I was still a big name in Peru and the rest of South America, mainly because I helped Peru win the South American Championship in 1975.

"I remember I used to play a League match for Porto on Sundays, then dash to the airport to fly to Peru for the match on Wednesday; then fly straight back again after the game.

"The Porto manager didn't like this at all, and one weekend he told me if we didn't win the

League match he'd refuse permission to go to Peru. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but I decided to go anyway — and we beat Colombia 1-0 to become Champions.

"I was scared when I got back to Lisbon, because there was a car waiting to rush me to an emergency meeting of the Porto directors. I was shaking like a leaf when I went in, but they just laughed and congratulated me on our win. They said the meeting was just a put-up job to keep the Press happy."

But despite the 1975 victory, no one gave Peru much chance of achieving great things in Argentina.

"To be honest, neither did we! We worked hard at our preparation, but our results weren't spectacular and psychologically we just weren't in the right frame of mind.

"We thought that in the Scotland and Holland matches we would be playing against gods, not men like ourselves. It was Joe Jordan's goal that shook us out of the trance. While Quiroga was picking the ball out of the net, I went over to Velásquez and said 'José, there's no way we can lose this game.'

"And when Quiroga saved that

penalty we knew nothing could stop us. The match against Holland was much more difficult, mainly because they seemed to think they could intimidate us with some pretty fierce kicking.

"I think they were surprised when we gave as good as we got, and in the last 20 minutes we could easily have won the game."

A lot of people rated Cubillas' free-kick that gave Peru their third goal against Scotland as one of the best goals of the tournament.

"Well, I noticed their goalkeeper hadn't positioned the wall correctly. Goalkeepers always have a man really overlapping the near post, so there's no chance of a gap. But Rough left the line a man's-width short.

"So I told Muñante to shape up for a right-footed free-kick to the far post, and when he ran over the

ball I hit it with the outside of my right foot at chest height so the last man in the line couldn't kick or head clear."

Surprisingly, Peru went to pieces in the Second Round, and didn't score a single goal.

"Unfortunately, we were in the South American group, and we have a terrible inferiority complex about Brazil and Argentina.

"Also, I think we realised we had done extremely well to qualify, but we had no chance of reaching the Final. So maybe the edge went off our game. Some people even said we 'threw' our match against Argentina, which is just a malicious lie."

"As I said, we never beat Argentina, and we all felt they were the best attacking team in the tournament — and they certainly proved it that night."

Apart from Cubillas, several of the Peruvians had caught the eye during the triumphant First Round games.

"Yes, it was a team effort, and players like Chúmpitaz, Quiroga, Muñante and Oblitas would catch the eye in any team. I mustn't forget my best friend, Velásquez, who gets in a lot of good work.

'First choice'

"I was particularly pleased Cueto played well, too. He's my team-mate at Alianza, but he always played number ten, so he ended up on the subs' bench because I was first choice."

"Eventually I said to the manager: 'Look, I'll play in any other position on the field just to give this lad a place in the team.' He finally agreed to play Cueto at number eight, and won seven consecutive matches to take the League title. I think it's a senior professional's duty to help the youngsters along, and I always remember the influence Brazilian manager Didi had on my career.

"He was the one who told me to drop into midfield so I could move forward in space with the ball under control. Before, I had always played as a static centre-forward."

"He was also the man who made me train for hour after hour practising free-kicks."

Next February, Cubillas' contract with Alianza Lima comes to an end. Rumour has it Cosmos have made a bid of £475,000 for his services — in which case the name of Cubillas will definitely not "disappear" this time round.

"Yes, I'm not sure what I'll do. I came back from Europe because I really wanted to be in Peru again.

"My real ambition is to train youngsters, and that's what I have in mind for when I hang up my boots. That would be fantastic. You might accuse me of 'disappearing' again, but at least I'd be happy!"

Peru players congratulate each other after beating Scotland 3-1 during the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

POLAND APPOINT NEW MANAGER

POLAND HAVE taken the extraordinary step of appointing a new team manager . . . until the end of the year. He is Ryszard Kulesza, 49, and succeeds Jacek Gmoch, who left after the World Cup and has now gone back to Warsaw Polytechnical School to write a doctoral thesis.

Kulesza has served his apprenticeship as assistant to Kazimierz Gorski, Poland's 1974 World Cup boss, and Gmoch.

He has been in charge of the Polish junior team and second senior side with some success.

The Poles are obviously concerned they must choose the right man for the job after disappointing in Argentina.

Kulesza says: "We are starting to select a new team for the 1982 World Cup. The European Championship is a testing ground."

"We are in a tough group, facing Holland, East Germany, Switzerland and Iceland.

"There is also the 1980 Olympics, and we want our country to play a major role in Moscow, just as we did in Munich and Montreal."

ICELAND'S PROFESSIONALS

FOREIGN players are so much in demand everywhere that even little Iceland have foreign-based professionals in their national team. Two of the squad for the recent game v. East Germany, goalkeeper Stefansson and striker Petursson play for IFK Jonkoping in Sweden, while defender Edvaldsson is with Celtic and the team's star, Asgeir Sigurvinsson, has now been six years in Belgium with Standard Liege.

THERE'VE been troubles at Ricardo Villa's old club, Racing. After challenging Boca Juniors for the League leadership during most of the season, the Buenos Aires club suddenly lost three matches in one week and slipped to fifth place in the table, eight points behind the leaders.

There was a monumental row in the dressing-room after the 1-0 defeat by All Boys, and manager Victor Rodriguez subsequently decided to suspend five players for indiscipline, including World Cup defender Daniel Killer.

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THE Spanish Third Division game between Badajoz and Barcelona Atletico had to be abandoned after 77 minutes with the visitors leading 4-2. When the referee awarded the away side a penalty, the crowd started pelting him with bottles, and after a ten-minute barrage he decided to call the players off.

How good

might give you the impression nothing is amiss.

France lead with three points from two games and a goal difference of +2. But the 2-2 home draw with Sweden and a meagre 3-1 win in Luxembourg meant the French must win in Sweden and take three points from the Czechs if they're to have much hope of qualifying.

Before France began their campaign, manager Michel Hidalgo optimistically stated: "We've just got to carry on where we left off in Argentina."

After the opening matches he could only point to the absence of talented Michel Platini as the decisive factor in France's failure to dominate in midfield.

Others feel the July start in the French League (less than a month

after the World Cup) has blunted the edge of their star players.

But the French's extravagant claims about the quality of their own football may be one of the underlying factors behind two disappointing performances. Normally carefully-worded news agency reports spoke of "an excess of confidence" in the Sweden match, and described the French players as "victims of their own superiority complex" in Luxembourg.

All of which is a great pity, because France did play some good football in Argentina — but they one only one match.

Now, it seems if they're to become a real force in football, the French must forget all the fine talk and knuckle down to producing some results.

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Nancy surprise

IN FRANCE, Strasbourg still top the League, despite having their recent home game against Sochaux called off thanks to a real pea-souper fog. Defending Champions Monaco are their nearest rivals, having shot up the table after a shaky start, closely followed by St-Etienne, Sochaux (one game in hand, like Strasbourg) and Lyon.

Surprise of the season is the poor form of last season's Cup winners AS Nancy, who've slumped to 17th place in the table since their ace midfielder Michel Platini broke a leg.

are France?



RSC Anderlecht beat Algeria 4-0 in a friendly; Coeck (2), Geels and Rensenbrink (penalty) got the goals.

DESPITE a disappointing World Cup for West Germany, things are going well in the Bundesliga. After nine League programmes an average of 28,593 fans had attended the matches, some 2,000 up on last season. There had been 280 goals, an improvement of seven on 1977/78.

The 4-4 draw between MSV Duisburg and Darmstadt 98 was only the tenth time this result had been achieved in the 15 years of the Bundesliga; the most common result is 2-1, which had been recorded 601 times.

A STONE'S THROW FROM QUITTING

ROQUE Avallay, 33, one of Argentina's most respected players, has suddenly quit soccer. He was still going strong for Racing, who were up amongst the League leaders when they lost a home game against River Plate's reserves (River's first team were rested, preparing for a South American Cup tie).

Avallay missed a penalty, and as he was driving home down a cobbled street in Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, some "fans" spotted him and threw a stone at his car.

Fortunately, the stone landed between the player and his father-in-law, but Avallay was so upset by this incident, he announced his retirement.

Argentina manager César Luis Menotti commented: "I respect Roque's decision, but don't agree with it. Football needs people like him to fight against such acts."

POOLS DREAM!

SPANISH club Burgos set up a new record by drawing their first six League games of the season.

BRAZILIAN goalkeeper Manga, capped between 1964 and 1967, is still playing — at 41. He played for 12 years with Botafogo then helped Internacional Porto Alegre win the Championship and won the South American Champions' Cup with Nacional de Uruguay. Now he is playing for Curitiba and reckons he can go on for a long time yet. He trains very seriously — for three hours every day!

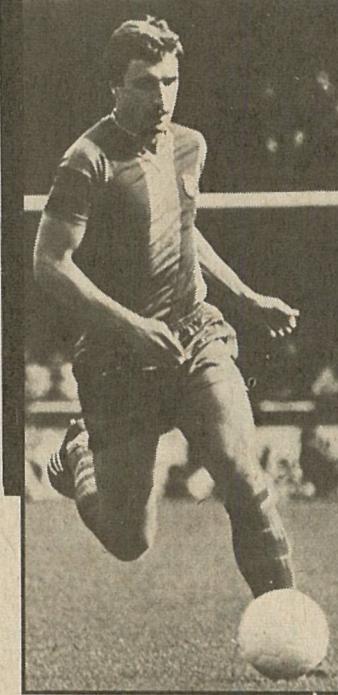
Goals galore for Europe's top striker

ADIDAS Golden Shoe winner Hans Krankl (left) seems all set to prove last season's 41 goals in the Austrian League were no fluke. He took his Spanish League tally to six goals in six games by scoring two and laying-on the other two in Barcelona's 4-0 home win over Las Palmas.

Despite his good start, the 25-year-old Austrian striker reckons he has little chance of repeating his Golden Shoe win (no one has scored more than 30 goals in the Spanish League since 1956-57) but he's dead-set on establishing himself among the elite of world strikers.

Just look at his scoring record since he gave up his job as a car mechanic and signed for Rapid Vienna:

1972-73: 20 goals
1973-74: 25 goals
1974-75: 36 goals
1975-76: 32 goals
1976-77: 30 goals
1977-78: 41 goals



NEWS FLASHES

In the recent friendly against Bulgaria, Italy captain Dino Zoff won his 71st cap, but Facchetti still leads the list with 94. Third is Mazzola (70), then Burginich (66) and Rivera (60). Of the current team, Benetti, with 48, is ninth in the overall table.

PLAYER DIES IN BRAZIL

BRAZILIAN football has been in quite a turmoil over the past few weeks on account of criticism from the Press against the increasing tendency towards violence on the pitch. Last month, a player (Valencir, ex-Botafogo and ex-Brazilian team) died in Paraná after a sliding tackle he had delivered on an opponent in the match between Fluminense and Vasco, in the Rio League, was the scene of some appalling behaviour by some players.

Two of them, Marco Antonio (Vasco) and Cleber (Fluminense) were sent-off and the referee had to be lenient not to order the whole Vasco team off the field.

At the root of the problem was the bonus of Cr\$30,000 (£800) promised to the Vasco players if they won. It is worth remembering the game was not a very important one. There are only two players in Vasco (Roberto and now Leão) who earn good wages (about £30,000 a year).

The others are poorly paid and the directors believe they should make a living with the bonuses for victories.

There is now talk of a law determining a club should be obliged to pay their players regular wages at least three times what they give them in bonuses during any given month of the Rio League Championship.

Seven of Tunisia's World Cup 14 (that's how many players they used in Argentina) are now playing as professionals in Saudi Arabia . . . plus four more from the 22-man squad.

Not having to qualify for the 1980 European Championship, hosts Italy have arranged a heavy programme for this season: November 8, Czechoslovakia in Bratislava; December 14, in Athens v Greece; December 20, in Rome v Spain; February 20th or 25th, v Holland in Turin; June 13, in Belgrade v Yugoslavia and June 23rd in Bari v Greece.

Mario Kempes' younger brother, Hugo, obviously doesn't share the World Cup star's unique talents. He lives with Mario in Valencia, and was recently offered a trial by neighbouring Second Division side Castellon. After watching Hugo in action, they turned him down flat!

Torino earned a double record on the opening day of the League season in Italy. Striker Paolino Pulici scored the first goal of the season against Fiorentina, netting after only 35 seconds. And four minutes later, centre-back Roberto Mozzini scored the season's first OWN-goal!

KEEGAN TOPS IN EUROPE

AFTER finishing runner-up to Allan Simonsen last year, Kevin Keegan will surely go one better this time and be named European Footballer of the Year fairly soon.

I see no other candidates to rival the HSV and England star. The World Cup was lacking in personality stars and for my money Keegan stands head and shoulders above all others this year.

A shame he wasn't able to display his considerable talents in the World Cup, but I expect him to have some consolation by being named Europe's Number One within the next few weeks.

EAST German football seems to be in a poor state of health. After Arsenal had beaten Lokomotiv Leipzig very decisively, even winning away, their striker Dieter Kuhn was called up for the European Championship game against Iceland and on the same day Lokomotiv had three men in the Under-21 squad: goalkeeper Rene Müller; midfielder Matthias Liebers and defender Thomas Dennstedt.

CAPTAIN MAIER

THE first post-Argentina West Germany side, which beat Czechoslovakia 4-3 in Prague. Captained by the evergreen Sepp Maier, the team was (left to right): Hansi Müller, Bernd Förster, Gerd Zewe, Klaus Fischer, Rainer Bonhof, Bernard Dietz, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Rudiger Abramczik, Bernd Cullmann, Manfred Kaltz and Sepp Maier. For the first time in ten years, not one Börrussia Mönchengladbach player was in the 32-man squad for the full international or the B game the previous night.



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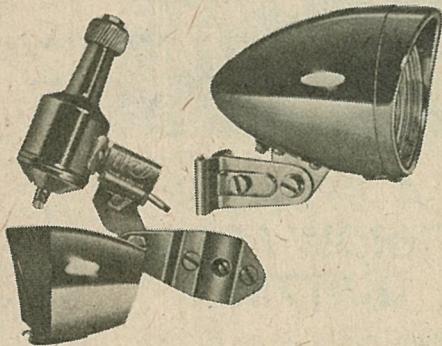
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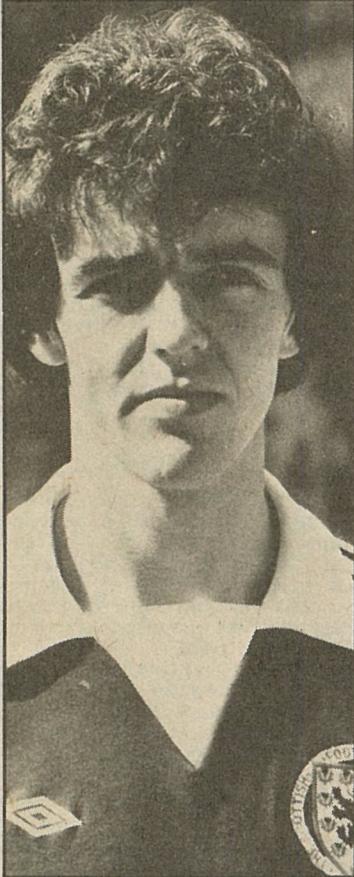
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Jock Stein, the Scotland boss, included St. Mirren's Frank McGarvey in his first squad.

MacLeod didn't select me for the squad that travelled to Vienna for the European Championship match against Austria recently a lot of people must have thought I was a so-called "bad boy".

I believe Ally MacLeod said I hadn't been included because, at the time, I had more or less ruled myself out by playing at centre-half and his top choice for that position is Manchester United's Gordon McQueen. Fair enough.

I've got to be honest and say I haven't been scoring the goals as freely this season as I did last term and that's probably the reason Mr. Stein overlooked me.

The Big Man is a respected figure throughout the game and he is known as a fair-minded person. I know if I play well he will not ignore me. The rest is up to me, isn't it?

No one can think he is an automatic choice for his country.

Tartan Talk
DEREK JOHNSTONE

'I'LL PROVE I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR SCOTLAND'

AM I despondent at being left out of the two international pools that have been named this season? I've been asked that question quite a lot recently and my answer is: "Not despondent ... just determined."

I want to be involved in my country's international plans, of course, and I am going to go out of my way to show the new manager, Jock Stein, I am good enough for Scotland.

It sounds corny, I know, but I get an amazing thrill just pulling that dark blue shirt over my head. It gives me great pride to play for my country and I am determined not to become a forgotten man.

I have heard an awful lot of nonsense since I came back from the World Cup Finals in Argentina. To be honest, I'm getting tired of it all. The rumours that have bounced along have been ridiculous.

A lot of people are far too quick in actually wanting to believe these silly stories. I've been told stories of players in jail, players drinking before, during and after games etc etc . . .

Some of them are so daft it takes your breath away. When Ally

but one thing is absolutely certain . . . I will fight all the way to get a place in the next squad before the match against Portugal.

Mr. Stein has already proved he will give everyone an opportunity by bringing Frank McGarvey, of St. Mirren, and Paul Hegarty, of Dundee United, into the reckoning. That must hearten every player who wants to represent Scotland.

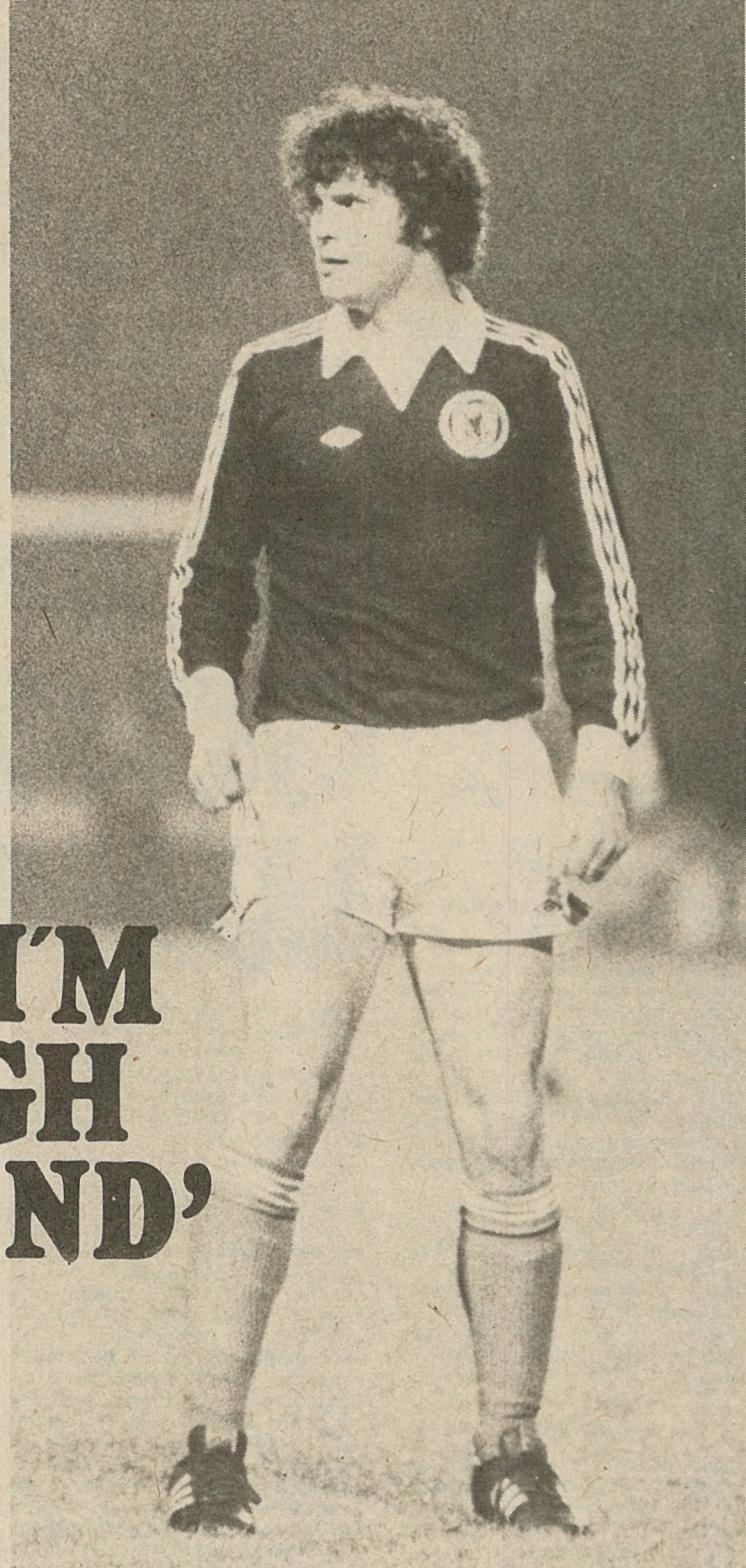
Competing

Look at the competition one faces, though, in this Scottish set-up. If I was competing for a place in the forward-line I would be up against the likes of Joe Jordan and Andy Gray, two excellent players in my estimation.

And if I played at the back there would be Gordon McQueen, Paul Hegarty, Kenny Burns and Martin Buchan contesting the places in the middle of the rearguard.

Competition is what this game is all about and it can't do Scotland any harm having so many good players to choose from.

Anyway, if I can beat last season's tally of 41 goals . . . and, remember, that included two for my country . . . I'll be satisfied. And



if Rangers win everything again I will be delighted. And if I get back into the international side I'll be over the moon.

Let's take a quick look now at our Old Firm clash against Celtic in the League at Ibrox on Saturday (Nov. 11). I've scored a fair amount of goals in this fixture over the years and I'll be hoping to pop another two or three past Peter Latchford in this match.

Celtic beat us 3-1 at Parkhead earlier in the season and I've got to say I thought the scoreline flattered them although I know I'll be accused of sour grapes.

We had control of the game for a lengthy spell in the second-half,

but we just could not turn that superiority into goals. Let's hope we make up for it this time.

Stand by for a cracker . . .

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK



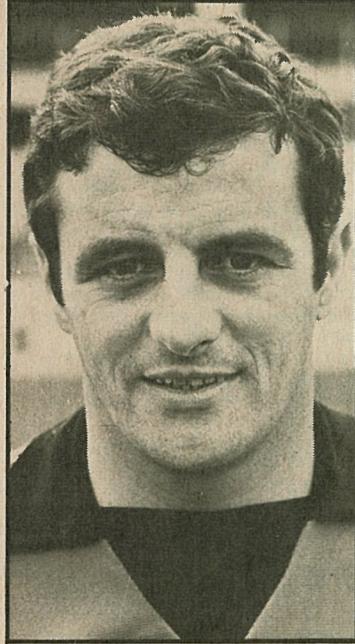
ager Benny Rooney for his faith in bringing me to Cappielow," says Denis the daredevil.

"After I had been freed by Celtic I had had two quick spells with Ayr United and Clydebank but things just didn't work out. I might have drifted out of things if Mr. Rooney had not come in for me."

"He really boosted my confidence and it was great to help the club win the First Division Championship last season. Life in the Premier is a bit hectic and that's the way I like it."

"You are involved throughout the entire 90 minutes and that keeps your eye in. I'm really enjoying myself."

Rival forwards are not quite so happy, though. A brilliant display from Connaghan helped Morton to



OLD GOALIES WHO WON'T

Denis Connaghan (above, left) is still performing consistently well for Morton. Clyde's John Arrol (above, right) played for East Stirling, Dunfermline, Partick and Dundee. Bobby Clark (right) has been a great servant to Aberdeen.

a creditable 2-2 draw with Champions Rangers in Greenock this season and afterwards Cappielow skipper Davie Hayes said: "Denis was simply unbelievable."

"The only thing that baffles me is the fact Rangers managed to even get two past him!"

Connaghan's career has taken more turns and twists than even he manages to perform in a game! He went to Celtic after leaving school, but he was allowed to leave after a short spell. He went to St. Mirren where he came to the fore with consistent displays and Celtic, shaken by the performance of Evan Williams in the League Cup Final against Partick Thistle where the Scottish giants were hammered 4-1, admitted their mistake and signed him for £20,000.

"It was superb going back to Parkhead," says Denis. "I always had a soft spot for the club. In fact, my wee boy is still Celtic crazy! He even refuses to support Morton when we play them!"

Then came the free transfer two years ago and another whirl on the transfer merry-go-round for Connaghan, who has also sampled soccer in the States. Now Morton fans are hoping he ends his career with their favourites. They are in no rush, however, to hear the news this flamboyant character has finally packed in the game.

Bobby Clark, Aberdeen's reliable

fan shook his head, pointed at the goalkeeper and bemoaned: "Ronnie Simpson would never have made a mistake like that. If only he was still in goal for us."

Celtic goalkeepers have had to face the most gruelling of tests in recent years in trying to exorcise the memory of the remarkable Ronnie Simpson, the veteran star who arrived at Parkhead for a transfer fee of only £2,000 and then went on to win Scottish caps, countless domestic honours and, of course, a European Cup medal while in his mid-thirties.

Simpson is a fine example of a goalkeeper reaching his peak while in his later years. Goalkeepers appear to live by this rule and looking at some of the men currently defying Scottish forwards it underlines just how valuable experience is to that last line of defence.

Better

Clyde's John Arrol has had service with East Stirling, Dunfermline, Partick Thistle and Dundee, but he's probably playing a lot better now than ever.

"I feel I could go on forever," says the likeable Arrol, who has returned to top form after twice breaking a leg. "I have thought about quitting, but it would be marvellous to help Clyde into the Premier Division."

That is a distinct possibility for Arrol is playing a major role on the field while the knowledgeable Craig Brown is planning things very well off the park.

And what about the amazing Denis Connaghan, currently earning rave notices with his splendid displays for Morton? Denis is also in his thirties, but his agility is still breathtaking as he hurls around his goalmouth week after week repelling raids from rivals.

"I'm just trying to repay man-

remarkable effect on the rest of the team. He is the senior member, a great team man and everyone looks up to him. He is a thorough professional."

Ferguson knows only too well in his own distinguished career as a goalscorer Clark can frustrate even the most dangerous of strikers simply by remaining calm whenever the going gets tough.

Clark has been one of the most consistent players in Scottish soccer over the last decade and there seems no end to his ability to foil opposing raiders. Like Alex Ferguson says, Leighton is a fine prospect and so he should be, too. After all, he is learning under a master.

Captain

Hamish McAlpine, of Dundee United, is another experienced goalkeeper who has certainly matured with age. He, too, has had a fantastic career of ups and downs. At one stage he was the captain and penalty-taker of the Tannadice side!

When he first came on the scene he was rated as a magnificent prospect. Things, however, did not work out entirely as expected for Hamish. He was dropped into the shadow world of the reserves with another veteran, Sandy Davie,



number one, seems to have been on the Scottish soccer scene ever since the game was invented and he, too, is playing better than ever.

"Jim Leighton is a fine young prospect," says Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson in praise of the 'keeper who has stood in for the injured Clark this season. "However, there is no substitute for experience and that is what Bobby has in abundance."

"I rate him one of the finest goalkeepers in the game. He rarely has a bad game and he has a

moving into the first team.

Hamish, however, refused to lose heart and after United had lost 3-0 to Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final seven seasons ago he came back into the team and he has been there ever since. He is a fixture in the Tannadice line-up and manager Jim McLean is quick to acclaim him as one of the best in the country.

Across the road at Dens Park, Ally Donaldson is doing equally well with Dundee in their fight to get into the Premier Division.



BE KEPT DOWN

Donaldson is in his second spell with Dundee and he is currently keeping former Scottish international goalkeeper Thomson Allan in the reserves and that fact alone illustrates the consistency of the player.

Manager Tommy Gemmell speaks very highly of Donaldson. He says: "I never liked having to play against Ally. I liked nothing better to have a shot at goal, but it was frustrating when the 'keeper kept you off the goalscorers' lists with some superb saves."

Queen of the South fans are also delighted with their veteran star Alan Ball, who has had chances to move from Palmerston, but has never taken them. Newcastle and Carlisle have been linked with him in the past, but Alan has tremendous loyalty to the club he has turned out for in over 600 matches.

'Big-time'

"I enjoy my soccer here," says Alan. "Of course, it would be nice to be involved in the big-time, but I'm happy with Queen's and I get a lot of pleasure playing for them."

It's difficult to imagine Queen of the South without English-born Alan Ball in goal for them and it will be a sad, sad day when he decides to quit. It will also leave the manager with an outsize headache.

Airdrie solved their goalkeeping problems when manager Bobby Watson paid out a modest fee for former Scottish star Ernie McGarr, from Cowdenbeath.



Ally Donaldson (above) is playing superbly as he helps Dundee to climb out of the First Division. Dundee United's Hamish McAlpine (below) safely gathers the ball from Rangers' Derek Johnstone.

McGarr had a brief moment of glory when he displaced Bobby Clark as the top man at Aberdeen, but eventually he disappeared into the reserves when Clark fought his way back into favour.

The tall and lean McGarr had spells with East Fife and Cowdenbeath before joining Airdrie this season to take over from Marshall Poulton. In fact, McGarr might have joined Premier Division side Partick Thistle, but he decided on first team football with the Broomfield side.

Firhill manager Bertie Auld, an admirer of the 'keeper, wanted him as his understudy to Alan Rough after selling Billy Thomson, a youngster of immense talent, to St. Mirren.

McGarr, though, has had enough of reserve football and Bobby Watson can take a bow for his shrewd bit of business in the transfer market.

Well, these are just some of the goalkeepers who are making Scottish strikers' lives a misery at the moment. Their uncanny judgment, confident manner and wonderful anticipation have made them 'keepers of the highest quality.

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SOCER STATISTICS *of the season so far*

The top score of the 1978-79 season so far came in the same match that saw the top individual score of the season. Everton beat Wimbledon 8-0 on Tuesday, August 29th at Goodison Park, with Bob Latchford scoring five of the goals.

Not so good is the fact after three players had been sent-off on Saturday, October 28th, it brought the total for the 1978-79 season to 52. 45 in the League and seven in the League Cup.

By beating Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-1 at the County Ground on Saturday, October 7th, Nottingham Forest set up a new Football League record by going 35 League matches without defeat. The previous record had been held by Leeds United.

Top attendance of 1978-79 came on the first day of the season when 56,136 watched Manchester United beat Birmingham City 1-0 at Old Trafford with a goal by Joe Jordan.

The lowest attendance came on September 30th at Halifax when only 985 turned up at The Shay to watch visitors Crewe Alexandra draw 0-0. Last season only one attendance dropped below the 1,000 mark and then Southport attracted only 780 to Haig Avenue.

Biggest shock came when Third Division Watford won 2-1 against



Martin O'Neill (left) scores Forest's second goal against Wolves in the game that set up a new Football League record.

Manchester United at Old Trafford in the Third Round of the League Cup.

League newcomers Wigan Athletic gained a victory over Third Division opposition in the Football League Cup before they even started their Football League campaign. Wigan drew 1-1 at Tranmere and won 2-1 at home to win 3-2 on aggregate.

Ian Edwards scored seven goals in the space of four days. On Wednesday, October 25th, on his full debut for Wales, Edwards scored four goals against Malta in a 7-0 victory in the European Championship. On Saturday, October 28th, Edwards scored all three goals in Chester's 3-1 victory over Brentford in a Third Division match.

Scottish League Champions Rangers had beaten Italian giants Juventus in the First Round of the European Cup before they won their first Premier Division match. They beat Juventus 2-0 at Ibrox Park on Wednesday, September 27th to win 2-1 on aggregate. Four days later they got off the mark in the League with a 4-1 victory over Motherwell, also at Ibrox.

Nottingham Forest's Gary Birtles first goal in top-class soccer helped knock Liverpool out of the European Cup after the Mersey giants had won the trophy in the last two seasons. Birtles scored the first goal for Forest in a 2-0 victory at the County Ground and then Forest held Liverpool to a 0-0 draw at Anfield to qualify for the Second Round.

Not one team in the First Division scored more than six goals in a match last season. Yet already this term, two clubs have scored seven. Liverpool beat Tottenham 7-0 at Anfield on September 2nd, and West Bromwich Albion defeated Coventry 7-1 at The Hawthorns on October 21st.

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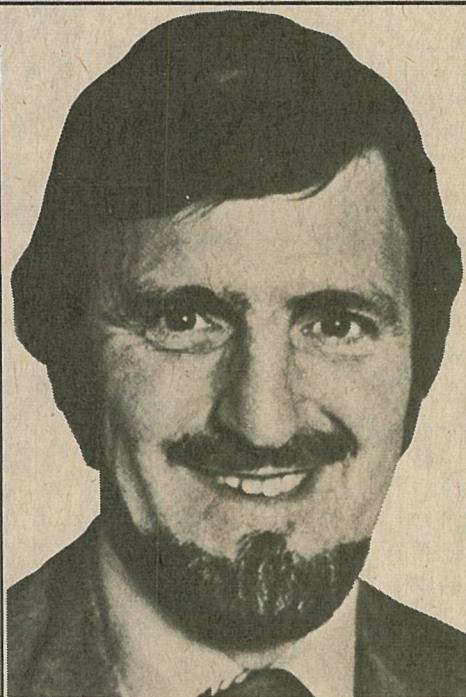
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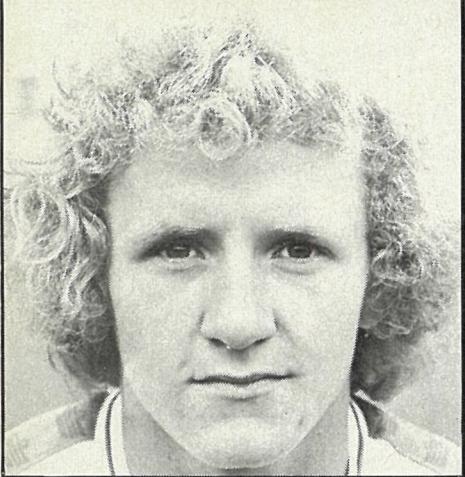
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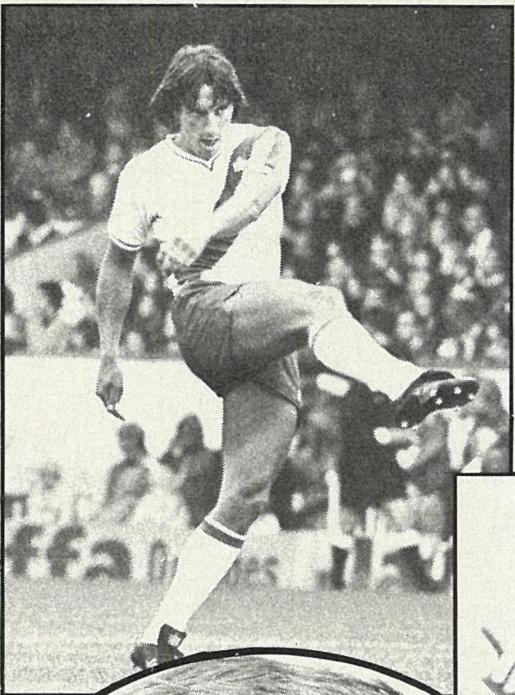
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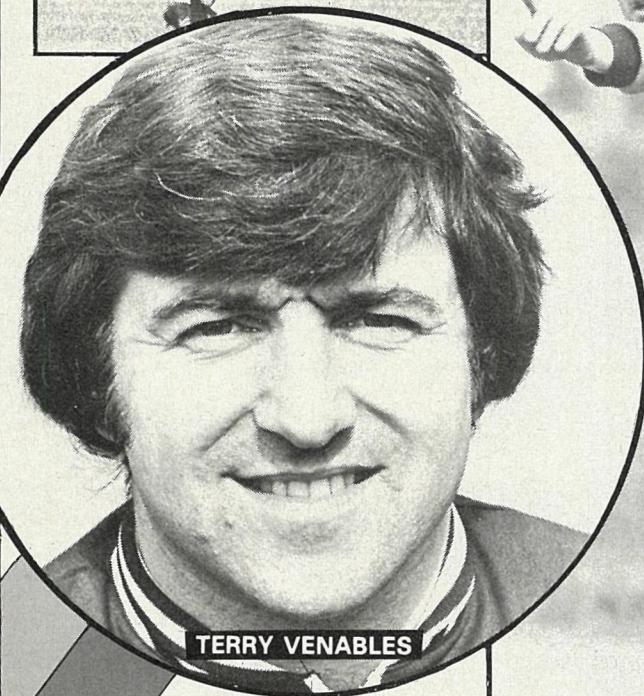
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